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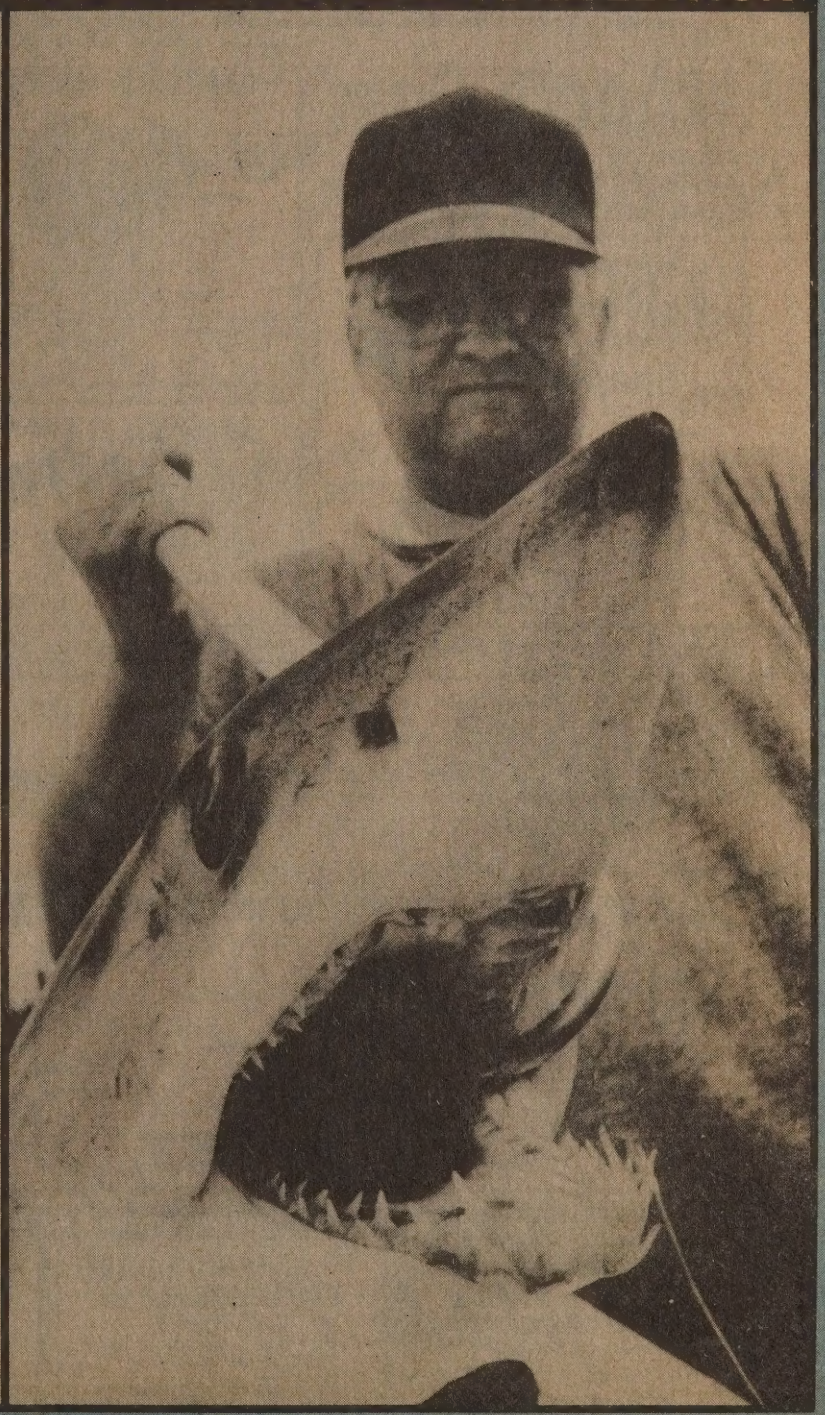

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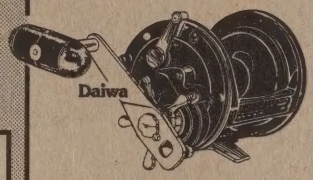

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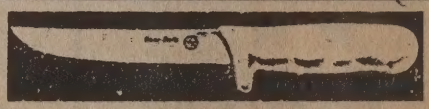

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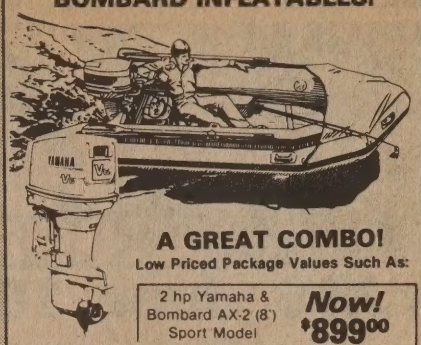

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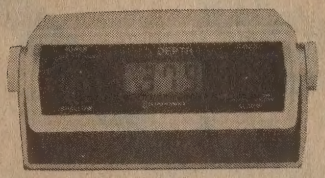

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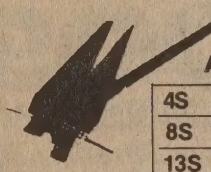

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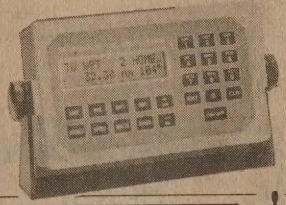

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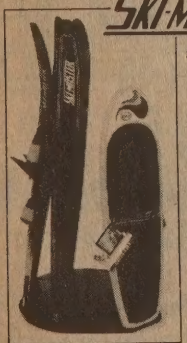

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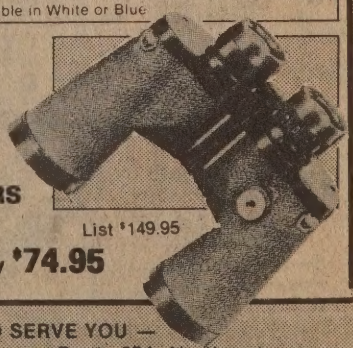

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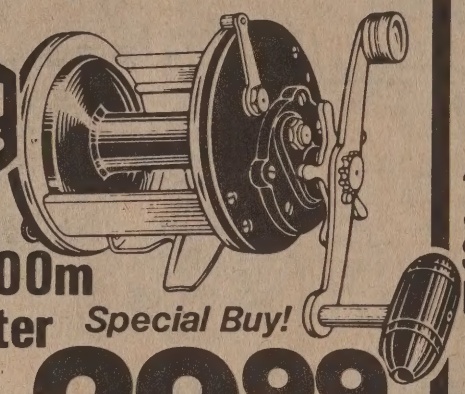

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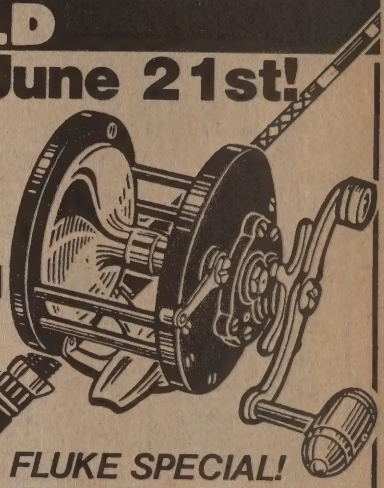

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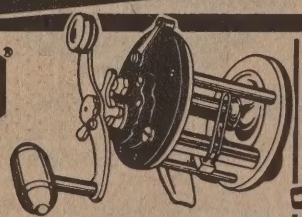

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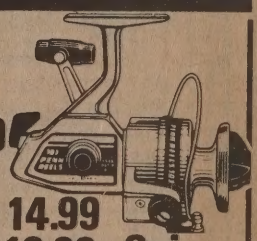

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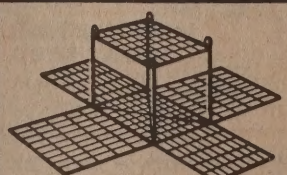

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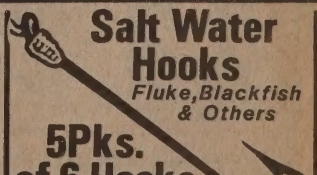

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ABOUT THE COVER:

Sharks will be attracting plenty of attention this month with a full slate of tournaments on tap around the Island. Some lucky anglers will be confronted with the problem of how to preserve the memory of that trophy shark. Ted Bingham tells how on page 42. Jim Keenan caught this fine mako south of Debs Inlet aboard the Regina M. Cover photo by Captain Pete Mikoleski.

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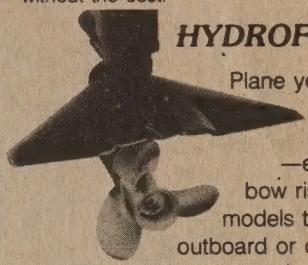

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Guaranteed cash prizes totaling $25,000 will be awarded for the heaviest bluefish as follows: 1st place, heaviest $10,000; 2nd place, next heaviest $5,000; 3rd place, next heaviest $3,000; and 4th through 10th place, next heaviest $1,000 each.

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Boaters experiencing a problem on the water in this area should call Short Beach Station, the U.S. Coast Guard station serving the south shore in this area, on VHF channel 16. If the boater in distress has no VHF radio aboard, he should then display an orange and black "distress" flag to indicate his need for assistance.

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The Workshop is being hosted by Fisherman editor and surf fishing guide, Fred Golofaro. Part of the proceeds from the night will go towards The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund.

For more information, see Page 59 or call (516) 725-4200.

EXTENSION OF MENHADEN FISHING RESTRICTIONS APPROVED BY STATE LEGISLATURE

Restrictions on commercial menhaden fishing in Long Island Sound would be extended eastward under legislation approved by both Houses of the New York State Legislature.

According to the bill's sponsors, Senator Kenneth P. LaValle and Assemblyman Robert Gaffney, state law now restricts fishing for menhaden from Execution Rock off Westchester County to the area off Eaton's Neck in Suffolk County. "Now, shifts in population and the growth of the North Shore from the Town of Huntington to the Town of Brookhaven require that the same protection be afforded to the people as far east as Sound Beach," said LaValle.

Menhaden, also known as "mossbunker," is a bait fish that bluefish feed upon. Sport fishing for bluefish in Long Island Sound and its related businesses provide a valuable economic resource to the North Shore of Suffolk County. According to Assemblyman Gaffney, "The large scale depletion of menhaden causes a reduction in bluefish catches which impacts heavily upon the local economy."

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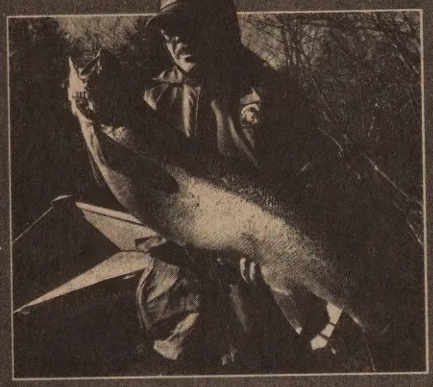

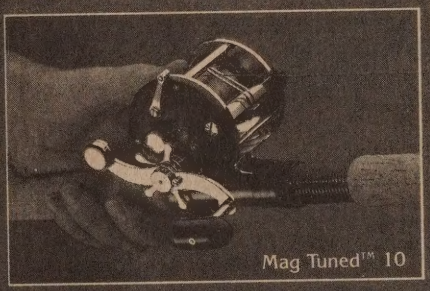

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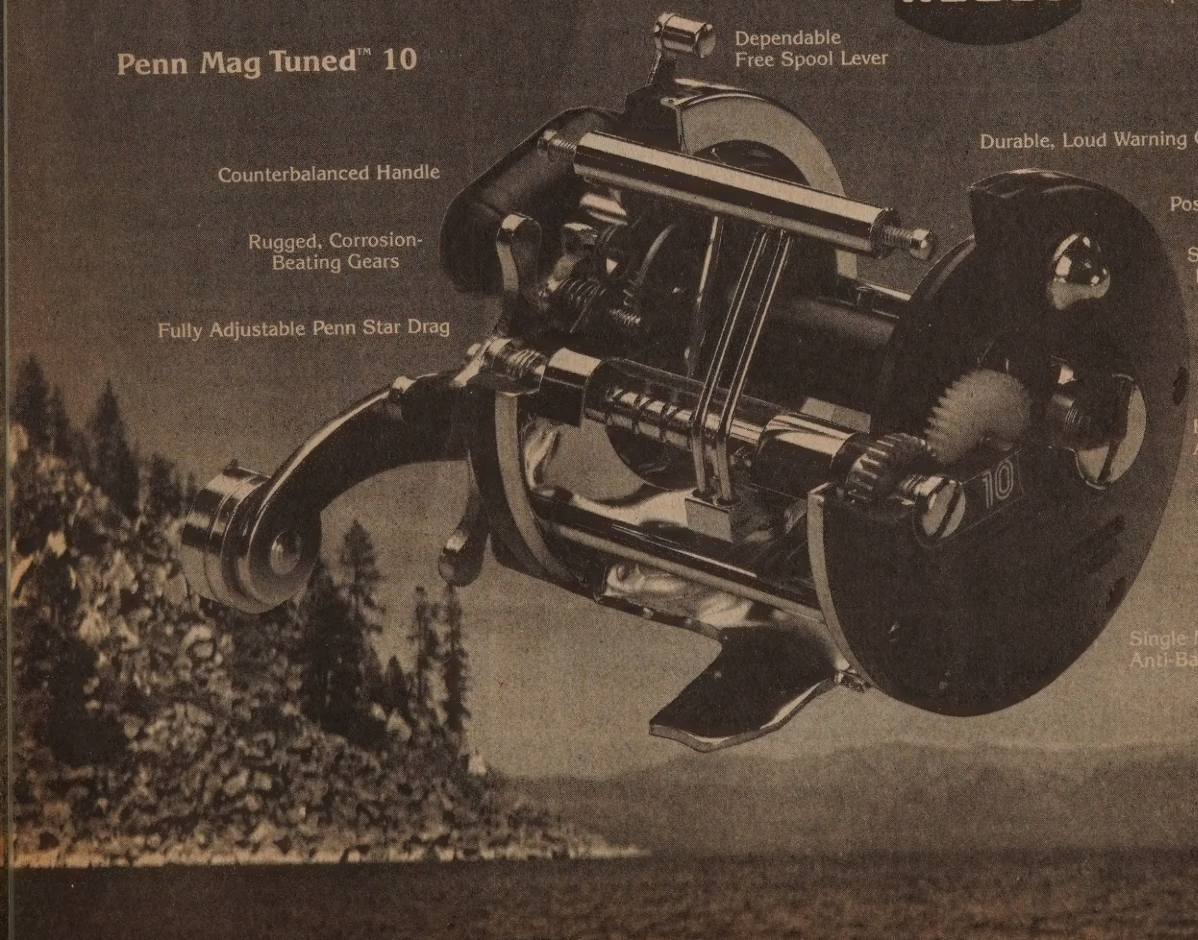

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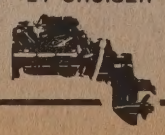

mother ships and their smaller tenders plying the waters off the North Shore of Suffolk County, create serious navigational problems for the sport fishing fleet.

The bill is awaiting approval by the Governor.

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Pre-registration is mandatory since space will be limited to 45 students.

Courses will be held at Brookwood Hall on Irish Lane in East Islip. Classes will start on Tuesday, July 7th at 7:30PM and be every Tuesday and Thursday to the final exam on Tuesday, July 28th.

For more information and pre-registration, call Stan Feldman, (516) 581-5511.

REGISTRATION FOR F.R.E.E. FLUKE DERBY EXTENDED

The registration deadline for the F.R.E.E. Fluke Tourney slated for June 27th and 28th has been extended to include the days of the tourney (June 27th and 28th) between the hours of 6 and 10 AM. Registration is at Uihlein's Fishing Station and Marina in Montauk. For more information, contact Jimmy Johnson at (516) 399-2448.

MSG NETWORK TO CABLECAST TRI-STATE FISHING REPORT

Madison Square Garden Network has added "The Tri-State Fishing Report" to its summer line-up, it was announced by Marty Brooks, vice president of programming.

Hosted by Jerry Bilden, the weekly half-hour series will be cablecast Thursday evenings. The show's magazine format will feature highlights on fishing conditions, tips and visits with experts on all types of fishing.

Both the fishing location and instruction segments will feature special guests, ranging from charter boat captains to outdoor writers to professional fishing guides. Among the various sites which will be visited are the Delaware River, Montauk Point, the Catskills and East Haven (CT) waters.

"Now that the outdoor season is upon us, 'The Tri-State Fishing Re-

port' is a logical show to offer our viewers, who will have the chance to learn about great fishing areas close to home," said Brooks.

We intend to have a lot of fun with this show, as well as teach a thing or two," said Bilden. "There will be something for everyone on the program, whether you're a novice or an expert fisherman."

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LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES TO MONTAUK SHARK TOURNEY

Star Island Yacht Club and Marina's Shark Tournament has grown to be one of the major shark tournaments on the East Coast. More than 90 boats have entered and it is expected that before the start of the tournament, entries may reach 100 boats.

The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st. There will be $10,000 in cash prizes and trophies will also be awarded.

The tournament is under the direction of Star Island's new, personable owner and well-known sport fisherman, Sam Gershowitz.

Anyone who is still interested in entering this exciting shark tournament should contact Star Island Yacht Club and Marina in Montauk Point, Long Island, at (516) 668-5052 immediately.

NIGHT SHIFT NEEDS COVERAGE

The Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission has let it be known that the Town of Babylon will not be meeting its commitment to cover a shift at the entrance to engineer's road. As a result, the park commission will do its best to try and cover this opening. If anyone out there is looking for full time work during the summer months, you can contact Mike Asheroff at (516) 669-1000, Ext. 235. The work entails nighttime hours and a full 8 hour shift.

GUIDE FOR SALTWATER ANGLERS

Saltwater anglers land millions of fish in New York each year. While the majority of these fish reach the dinner table in fairly good condition, many fish are wasted or reach the dock in such poor condition that they have little value as food. This is especially true for unusual species such as sea robins, skates, dogfish and eels which are unfamiliar to many, but good to eat. Even more familiar species like bluefish and flounder are often wasted or well on the way to spoilage before they reach the dinner table because of poor handling.

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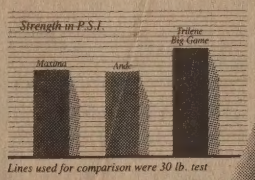

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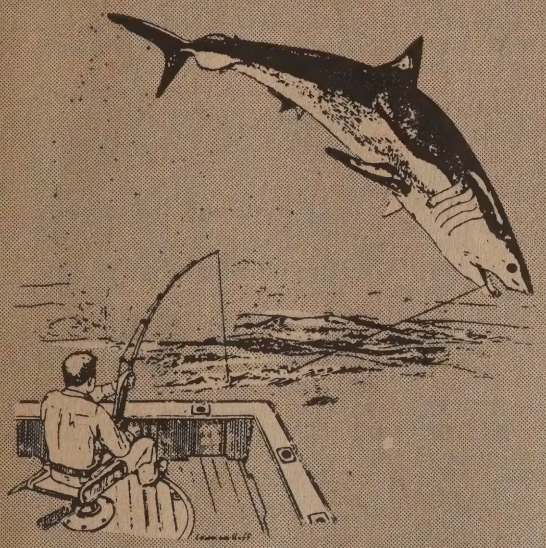

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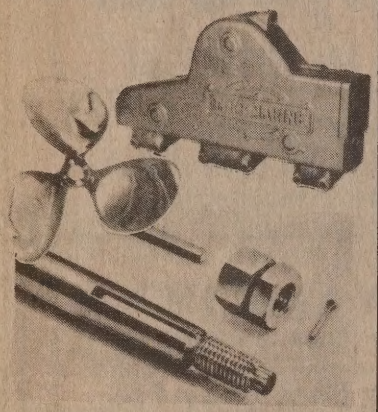

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UNITED STATES ATLANTIC TUNA RETURNS TO DEEP SEA MARINA

The 1987 United States Atlantic Tuna Tournament competition (USATT) returns to Montauk Point and to its traditional host facility, the exclusive Deep Sea Marina after an absence of 20 years, according to Ron Feuring, Tournament Director and president of USATT.

The early season dates of June 30th and July 1st and 2nd were set by the USATT Tournament Committee after lengthy consultations and research with marine biologists and with the Marine Fisheries Commission, it was stated by Harold Schaefer, legendary USATT tourney organizer and this year's director of operations. "It is about those dates that determinations predict the giants (bluefins) will be feeding on mackerel and butterfish in the waters off the east end," Feuring said.

Giant tuna quota at the commencement of this year is one bluefin (over 310 pounds) per boat per day with angling hours set for each day from 4AM to 5PM.

About 65 boats and their angling teams from participating member clubs from New Jersey to Boston are expected to compete with an anticipated heavy focus on the two sport fishing craft expected from the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club—the Brooklyn-based club which has won this tourney six times since its inception 50 years ago.

The official captains meeting will be held at Deep Sea the evening of June 29th with boats arriving during Sunday, the 28th and during the day of the 29th.

Mike Murphy of Montauk Point, who will be acting as Bait Committee head, said that 225 lbs. of frozen mackerel, butterfish and herring would be delegated each day to each boat and that Dep Sea management is making available its "certified" weigh-in scale which will be calibrated to 1500 pounds.

Harold Schaefer will direct operations from marina headquarters where a VHF will handle communications to and from competing boats. One or two committee boats, one of which will accommodate press representatives, will be in constant check with the fishing fleet, according to Ron Feuring.

Arrangements Committee is comprised of Ray Dackerman and Harold Schaefer (co-chairmen) and Mike Murphy.

The traditional annual dinner will be held on the second night of the tournament.

BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP COURSE

Division XI is offering the last Boating Skils and Seamanship course of the season. Seminars will be given in: piloting, rules of the road, legal requirements, aids to navigation, line handling, marine engines, weather and radio. All classes will be under the guidance of experienced USCG Auxiliary instructors. There will be extensive use of audio/visual teaching aids. Family and group enrollments are encouraged and pre-registration is suggested. For immediate registration information contact: U.S.C.G. Auxiliary Division XI, Captain Gus Savaros, (718) 339-1903.

Classes will be held at the Knights of Columbus, 3000 Emmons Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235 with registration at 7:30 Monday, July 6th. Certificates will be awarded to all who successfully complete the course.

WD-40 HAS FISH BITING

"Go Fish" may be the name of a card game and "catch of the day" an item on a menu, but these phrases have other meanings for those who take fish seriously.

To the fisherman, a favorite fishing hole or secret bait recipe can be serious business and considered off-limits to the uninvited.

Reports from fishermen in the Pacific Northwest indicate fishermen are having tremendous success catching trout by simply coating their bait and lures with a common household product. Statements from fishermen in other regions of the U.S. and Canada suggest this same product helps catch not only trout, but sturgeon, pickerel, northern pike, catfish, salmon, bass, sunfish, halibut, walleye, shark and even sting ray.

How could WD-40 possibly help catch fish? Lou Repaci, manager of marketing services for the WD-40 Company, suggests there may be at least two possible explanations.

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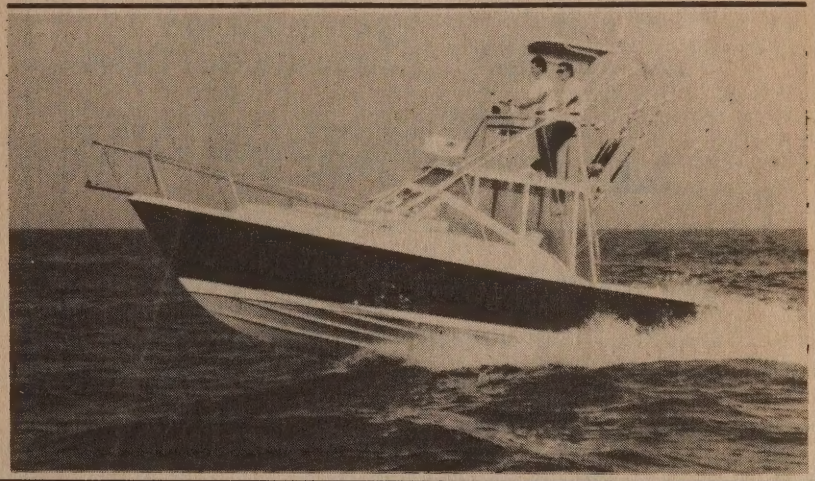

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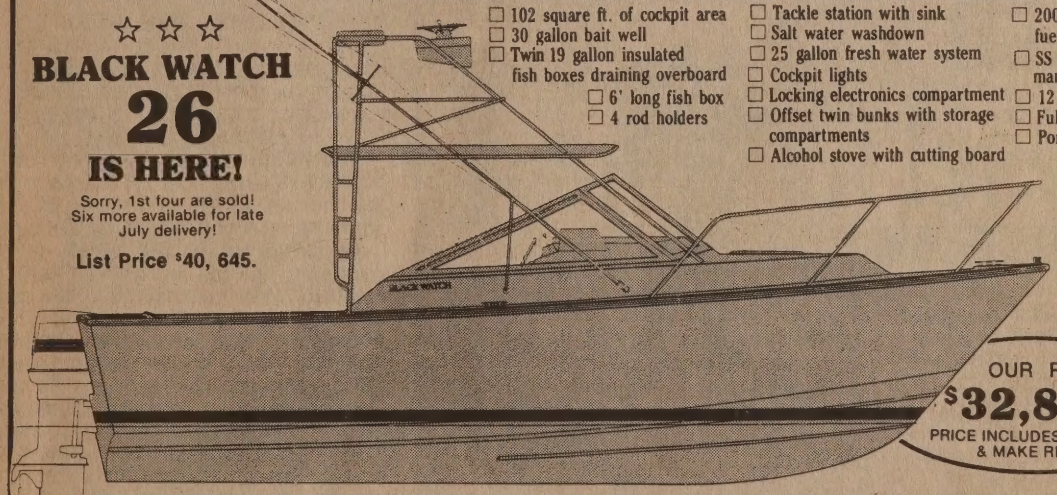

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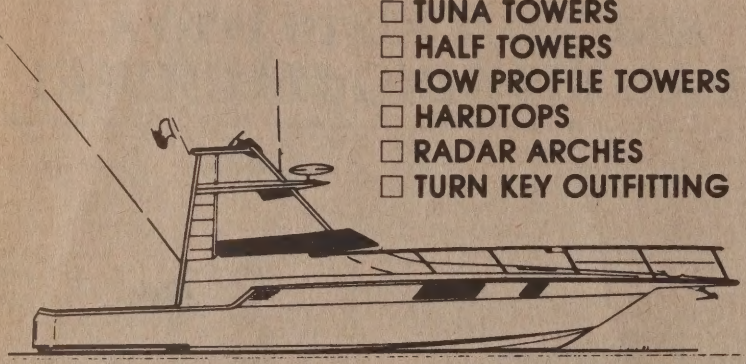

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Ronald Dotson, fishery biologist at the Southwest Fisheries Center in La Jolla, California, claims fish attractants work in two ways. For fish primarily or solely dependent on their sense of smell to find food, such as the catfish, the smell of an attractant could entice them. Secondly, an attractant can serve to disguise the human scent on the bait.

"If WD-40 does work, it probably does to because it helps cover up an amino acid calles Serine that is left on the bait after it has been touched by humans," said Dotson.

According to Repaci, the WD-40 Company has received hundreds of letters from fishermen from all over the country, relaying personal accounts of fishing trips turned successful due to WD-40.

"We're surprised. We knew fishermen were using WD-40 to protect their rods and reels, but WD-40 on bait and lures—this is news to us," said Repaci.

In one letter to the company, a professional fishermanfrom Anchor, Alaska attributes the success of a saltwater fishing expedition to WD-40. On this particular trip, he was fishing off the south Central Alaska's Cook inlet for salmon and halibut. Out of three or four high tides, his crew had only caught four small 20 lb. halibut.

"We then decided to try WD-40 on a trolling rig. Out of four lines out, the one with the WD-40 landed a nice 25 lb. king salmon in 15 minutes. After moving to deeper water for halibut, using WD-40 we landed over 25 fish in two hours. Only the cut herring with the WD-40 caught fish."

FLOUNDER DERBY WINNER, JOE PICCARILLO WINS $1,000 IN 1987 YAMAHA TOURNEY BONUS PROGRAM

Joe Piccarillo, Brooklyn, not only won the Flounder Derby, March 11th, but he netted an additional $1,000 from Yamaha Outboards for his win.

Piccarillo outfished 1299 other anglers to win the tournament held at Captree. The Long Island State arks and Recreation Commission, The Fisherman Magazine and Captree Bait and Tackle sponsored the event.

Piccarillo won the additional $1,000 because he is a Yamaha Outboard owner. Yamaha's 1987 Tournament Bonus Program awards the bonus to owners who win approved tournaments while using their outboard. For 1987, anglers can win up to $2,000 in the bonus program. An owner's third win and subsequent wins, will gain him or her membership into the "Elite Anglers Division." After the program closes in November, a name will be drawn from the "Elite Anglers" and the winner awarded a new one-ton Toyota truck with a Brahma Cab-Hi camper top.

Piccarillo purchased his Yamaha from Cross Bay Marine Corp. in Howard Beach.

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Images on the video screen are displayed in black, white and two shades of gray, so it's easy to "see" underwater. The 6115 features a 15 degree beam angle transducer for mounting on the transom or through the hull.

Other feaures include surface and bottom alarms for help in navigating shallow waters, and a freeze screen control that holds the picture for further review.

For downrigger or offshore fishing, Impulse also offers the Microtrac 6150, featuring a bottom depth range of 960 feet and a 40 degree beam angle transducer.

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For more information on the Microtrac 6115 and 6150, contact Impulse Technology, 329 Railroad Ave., Pittsburg, CA 94565; (415) 439-2072, or see your local Impulse dealer.

THE LUND NEWPORT

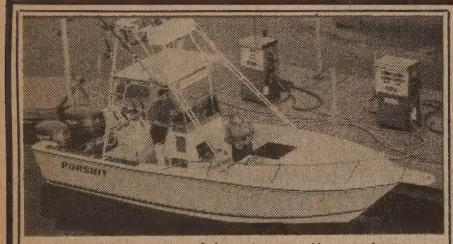
Lund, the premier aluminum fishing boat manufacturer since 1948, introduces the Newport to the Eastern Coast. The Newports, built of high grade aluminum, are designed to meet the exacting demands of offshore sportsmen, while offering the benefit of lightweight, aircraft style construction for nimble handling and easy trailerability. The Newports, available in 18 and 20 foot lengths, are clad with a special urethane paint for saltwater immunity. Console hardware is non-corrosive stainless steel. And the interior is covered in rugged vinyl for easy cleaning and maintenance.

The Newport design is based on Lund's proven deep-V hulls: massive, with a four foot depth at the gunnels and over 7 feet in width. These hulls are noted for superior handling and stability, and their quick planing ability makes them economical to operate.

Lund has designed a central command console that is functional and utilitarian, cosmetically appealing and unique in its built-in completeness. The operator is given total command with all instrumentation, controls and electronic equipment an arm's length from either a standing or seated position. Multiple standing rod holders and locking storage let the fisherman keep "action-ready" gear handy. Built-in tackle trays and cooler further enhance the utility of the console. Console hardware and handrails are stainless steel and the windshield is of smoked plexiglas.

The interior layout of the Newport emphasizes open working room and is clean from bow to stern. Rod and storage lockers are built into the gunnels and aft storage keeps the business end tidy. Reinforced gunnels offer mounting surfaces that have wiring access for additional equipment. Mooring covers and running canvas are available options.

Additional information on the Newports or details on Lund's move into the Eastern Coast can be obtained from Lund Boat Division of Genmar



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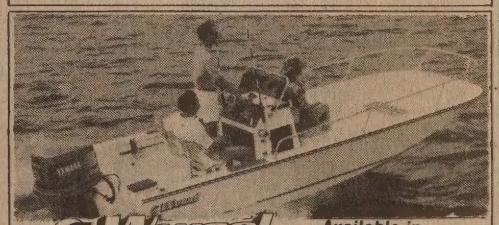

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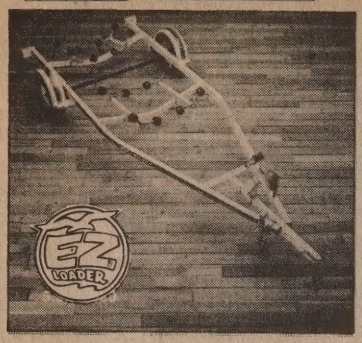

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An earlier freshwater model (The Digi-Troll) was introduced by Cannon in 1984; it became the first computerized downrigger in the world.

All three Marlins are constructed with materials impervious to saltwter corrosion, including bodies made of Lexan polycarbonate, and booms and components of stainless steel.

The booms are powder-coated black to resist scratching; they include a swivel-headed cable pulley. Lexan polycarbonate is a high-tech resin composite that is lighter than aluminum and is acclaimed for its bullet-proof strength.

Both the Marlin Electric and Digi-Troll II have specially sealed motor compartments. The saltwater downriggers come with 400 feet of cable (stainless steel), reel, depth meter, adjustable-angle rod holder, snap swivel and positive deckplate locking wheel.

Electric and computerized units come with a 6-foot power cable with quick-disconnect plug. The Marlin Electric has an electronic safety device built in (the "Short Stop") for automatically halting the upward movement of the weight just before it breaks the water.

Optional conversion kits are available for upgrading Marlins from manual to electric to computerized units. Various boom lengths are available from 18" standard up to 72".

Marlins are sold with a limited lifetime warranty.

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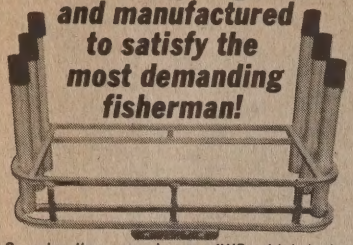

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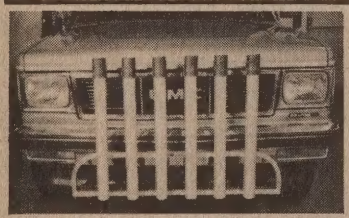

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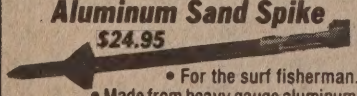

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Product Review

DAIWA LD50H LEVER DRAG REEL

by Pete Barrett

There are many good fishing reels to choose from today with superior materials, designs and features that we fishermen take much of it for granted. We expect a lot from the tackle we buy and the so-called space age materials now used by every manufacturer make even the commonplace reels a good blend of quality and value.

There are, however, a few special reels that combine more than bragging rights about the latest technology and materials; they bring together all the parts, ideas and engineering into something special that not only looks great in the ads, but also fish great when you take them out in the real world of fishing—out on the water where copywriters dreams can either be shattered or proven.

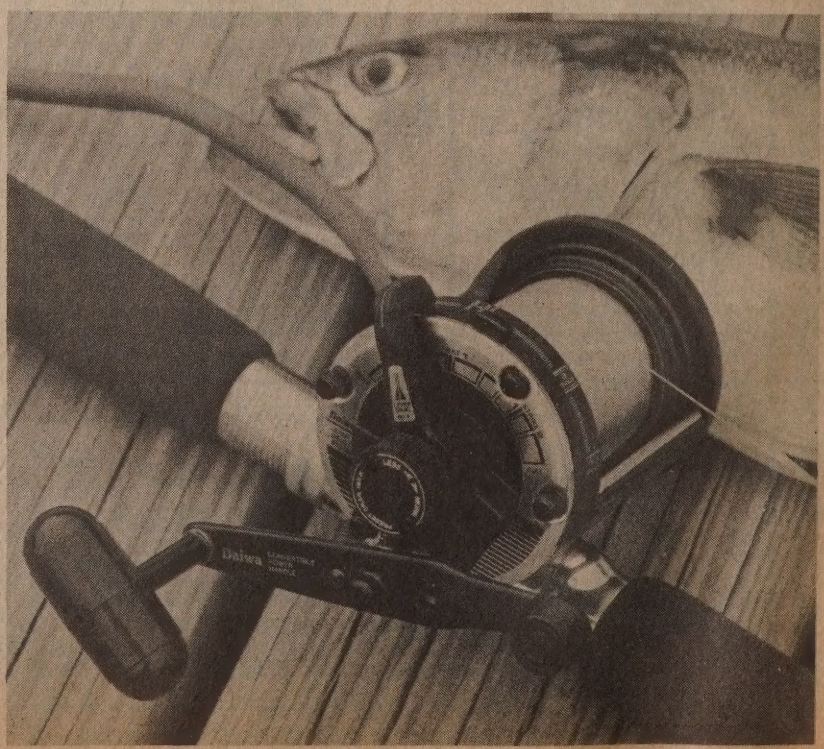
The Daiwa Sealine LD50H is one of these reels. I've been using one now for several months and have taken a variety of fish from Keys tarpon to Jersey blues and I have been very pleased with the reel's performance. Filled with just over 400 yards of 25 pound Ande, the reel has been used for light trolling, bottom fishing, live bait fishing and deep jigging.

The drag system is one of the best I've ever used. Most reels, even the best and most expensive custom reels, experience a slight increase in the drag setting in the brief half second before the drag slips allowing line to flow off the spool. The LD50H has no detectable surge in the drag setting. It is smooth as silk.

I checked it with a Hunter spring scale in drag settings from 5 to 20 pounds and could not get the drag washers to surge. The only way I could make the drag stick momentarily was to do something no one recommends: leave the drag locked at a very tight setting for a long period of time. Even then, after one small surge the drag was again slippery as ever. Under actual fish fighting conditions the drag did not chatter nor seem to heat up excessively.

The drag washer is a composite of Kevlar and ceramic that repels water and is not bothered by heat. Under a long run, the washer resists expansion so it maintains a steady drag setting with no increase in the tension set by the angler.

The lever system on the LD50H of-



fers a very wide range of settings to handle light to heavy pound test lines. There are two drag lever stopper buttons that can be positioned for short stroke or long stroke drag settings with minimal disassembly. Trollers and light tackle fishermen favor the broader range long stroke drag, while casters prefer the factory set short stroke setting.

A finned aluminum plate called a heat sink applies even tension to the polished stainless drag washer plate and helps dissipate heat away from the drag washer material. The washer is compressed by the drag plate into cup machined into the right side of the spool.

The housing and side plate are molded of a graphite compound and fit snugly around the machined and anodized aluminum spool. I could not get the 25 pound mono to get stuck in-between the side plate and spool even though I tried to force it. Close tolerances protect the line from jamming on a bad bird's-nest, which should be rare because of the cast control on the left side of the reel applying light to heavy pressure on the spool to help prevent backlashes. The spool is supported by four stainless steel sealed ball bearings.

Several small but significant design touches are found in LD50H. The frame guard on the top edge of the front reel frame protects the line from chafing and the rounded edges on the aluminum plate on the right side plate keep your fingers from getting sliced. Stainless washers help support the handle knob shaft and keep it spinning freely. The chrome cover over the entry port where the main gear shaft fits into the side plate keeps water outside the reel where it belongs, not inside on the gears.

Servicing is accomplished with a penny to loosen the four right side plate screws. Lubing, cleaning and inspection are done quickly. Each of the screws fastens into threaded brass inserts mounted into the graphite frame. They resist corrosion and attach the side plate securely.

My reel received heavy drenchings of saltwater on several trolling days when it seemed like buckets of brine were being tossed on it. A quick washing, a spray of oil and all was okay. I disassembled the reel a week later and found only minimal traces of water in the housing. The original factory lube job was adequate and there was no corrosion present.

The gears are cut from stainless and marine bronze, are oversize and have a fast 4.5 to 1 ratio which is a good choice for light tackle big game fishing, casting or deep jigging.

The Daiwa Sealine LD50H has been a pleasure to fish with and has the feel of a good piece of tackle that will be around for a long time.

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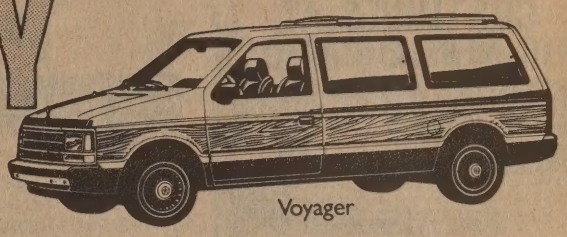

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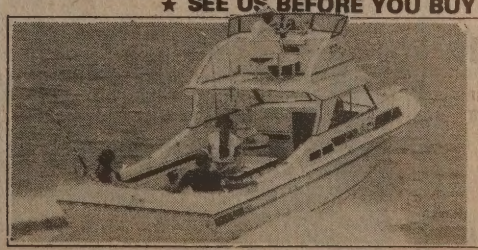

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Captain's Table

FLUKE PARMIGIANA

by Sal Agliano

With quality veal soaring over eight dollars a pound and chicken becoming a regular three-times-a-week performer at the dinner table, I looked to the sea to create a variation on an old Italian classic and found the perennial summer flounder an ideal choice. Enriched with a tasty mussel sauce, the dish which follows is a must for anyone who loves Italian cooking with a seafood accent.

Fluke Parmigiana

3 dz. mussels, fresh
1 cup white wine
1/4 cup olive oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed

2 onions, diced
2 28-oz. cans crushed tomatoes
1 6-oz. can tomato paste
6 leaves fresh basil, torn in pieces

2 lbs. fluke fillets
1 cup bread crumbs
2 eggs
cooking oil (enough for deep frying)

1/2 lb. mozzarella cheese, grated coarsely
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/8 tsp oregano
1/8 tsp black pepper

Using a stiff nylon or fiber brush, scrub the mussels thoroughly, then remove the beards. Place the mussels in a kettle and pour in the wine. Cover the kettle and cook mussels over a high flame for 2 or 3 minutes or tunil the mussels have opened. Remove from heat and pick through the

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mussels, discarding those which failed to open. Set aside to cool.

While the mussels are cooling, heat up a large skillet and pour in the olive oil. Add the crushed garlic and diced onions; saute briefly. Add the crushed tomatoes, tomato paste and basil. Flower flame to a simmer.

By this time the mussels should have cooled enough for handling. First, drain off the liquid through several layers of cheesecloth and add the liquid to the sauce. Remove the meat of the mussels from the shells and add the mussel meat to the sauce; discard the shells. Cover with a loose fitting lid and simmer the sauce gently for about 2 hours; stir frequently.

While the sauce is cooking, prepare the fillets. First, beat the eggs in a bowl, then pour the bread crumbs over a sheet of waxed paper. Dip the fillets in egg, then coat with bread crumbs.

Heat up a large skillet, then pour in enough oil for deep drying. When the oil sizzles to a drop of water, place 2 or 3 fillets at a time into the hot oil and fry on both sides until lightly browned. Drain fillets on paper toweling.

Once the sauce is cooked, you can begin assembling the ingredients in a baking pan. First spread a generous amount of sauce (about 2 cups) along the bottom of a baking pan large enough to hold all the fillets. Next arrange the fried fillets, slightly overlapping, along the bottom of the pan and over the sauce. Pour on enough additional sauce to cover the fillets. Spread the mozzarella and Parmesan cheese evenly over the top layer of sauce. And lastly, sprinkle on oregano and black pepper.

Bake in a preheated oven set at 375 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes or until the cheese has melted and the sauce is bubbly.

Serve fluke parmigiana with a side dish of spaghetti topped with mussel sauce. For added embellishment, include a crisp garden salad, some crusty garlic bread, and a jug of wine!

Fluke Parmigiana Hero

This hearty luncheon dish is a variation of the above recipe. Follow the previous directions up to the point where the ingredients are about to be assembled in the baking pan. Then instead of using a baking pan, slice a large loaf of Italian bread in half, lengthwise, place the bread crust-side down on a long cookie sheet and spread a cup of sauce over each bread slice. Distribute the fried fillets over the sauce on the bread slices. Top the fillets with more sauce, then sprinkle on the mozzarella cheese, Parmesan cheese, oregano and pepper.

Set the cookie sheet in a preheated oven set at 375 degrees and bake for about 20 minutes. Transfer the cookie sheet to the broiler and broil briefly until the cheese is bubbly.

Cut each length of fluke parmigiana hero into individual portions and serve open-faced with knife and fork.

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

My dilemma is that I have three surf rods and only two spinning reels: Shakespeare Sigma 50 and Shimano Speedmaster 5000. I want to know if I can change my 12 foot Shakespeare Ugly Stik, medium heavy action, from spinning to conventional. I have a 622 Mitchell reel by Garcia that I would like to put to use.

If you don't recommend changing the spinning rod to a conventional could you let me know where to get a good conventional rod of at least 11 feet. I stress rods of 11 feet or more because I've noticed that where I fish you have to go way beyond where the surf starts breaking. It pays to have a rod that can cast at least 5 ounces of lead with a big chunk of bait for those fiery blues! *Robert Rivera.*

Dear Robert,

Yes, you can use a spinning rod with a conventional reel. The major difference with spinning rods over conventional rods is that a spinning rod has a more flexible tip. The lighter tip action is not good for long casting. The easiest thing for you to do is to cut the rod tip down to the first eye. This will give you an 11½ foot rod which is long enough for your needs.

The rod tip will be stiffer once you cut the very end off which should make your present spinning rod more like a conventional rod of the same length. The only drawback is that you might not feel the rod tip is stiff enough even when shortened to provide the hefty casting capabilities that you are looking for. In that case, you've ruined a perfectly good spinning rod. You have to decide there.

The second choice is to go shopping around for some conventional rods that fit your needs. Go browse through your local tackle shops and look around. Any shop that carries surf rods or specializes in saltwater equipment should have what you need. Penn makes a nice 11½ foot Slammer rod, Model SLS-2811 MH, medium to heavy action that may fit your needs perfectly.

Try not to get caught up on the over 11 foot length because there are 10 foot surf rods that will cast your offering just as well. Good luck with those tough blues!

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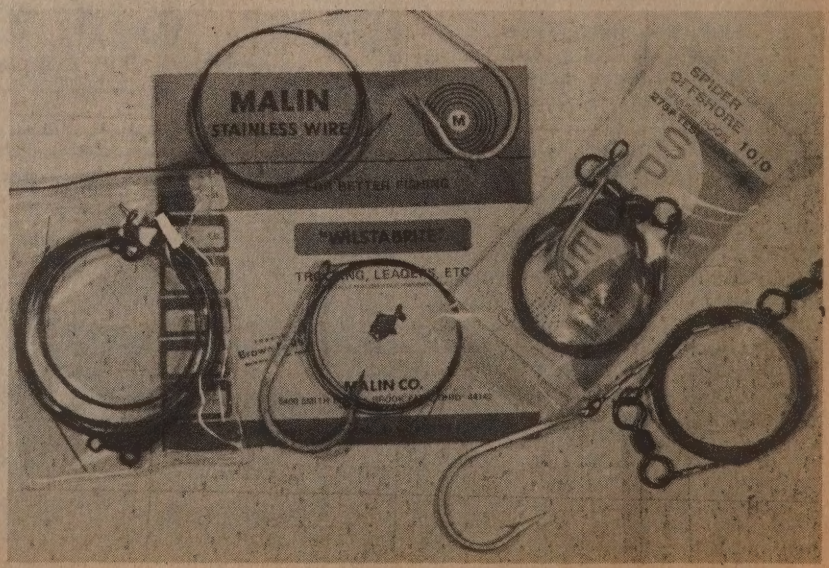
Dear Doc,

In many of your articles you speak of 20 inch leaders, 4 foot leaders, etc. What is meant by a leader; monofilament or nylon lines? *Adam Refowich.*

Dear Adam,

A leader is just the length of line that is used to connect a lure or bait to the primary line which feeds back into your spool. Leader line is usually of heavier pound test, either wire or monofilament, than the line that it is being attached to for a variety of very good reasons.

Wire leaders are used often when fishing for blues or sharks because these fish have sharp teeth and skin that could break the regular monofilament even though that line may be strong enough to hold the weight of



the fish. With bluefish the fisherman is primarily concerned with the razor sharp teeth of the fish so a wire leader of 6 to 12 inches will suffice.

In shark fishing the wire leader may be anywhere from 10 to 15 feet long. The reason for this is the shark may wrap itself around the end of the line causing it to come in contact with its sharp denticle covered skin. Also, mako sharks are prone to jumping and the added length of heavy wire or cable leader helps prevent the fish from landing on the end section of line and busting loose.

Leaders for other less vicious fish are made of monofilament. The monofilament is usually heavier than the line that is in the reel spool. The end line of any fishing tackle takes the most abuse whether it be from the fight of the fish or the constant rubbing along rocky bottoms or sand. That's what leaders are all about, just an added precaution to prevent the big one from getting away.

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Dear Doc,

In my 40 years of saltwater fishing, I have caught many bluefish and talked to many captains on the fishing boats about the proper way to bleed them. I saw a demonstration on television showing the difference in fillets between bled and un-bled fish, but they did not show how to bleed them. I would appreciate any help you could give me. *Mike Merle.*

Dear Mike,

You can bleed bluefish very easily by just making a deep incision just before the tail on one side of the fish. Do this after the fish has stopped flopping around in the cooler. Make sure to have the fish in the cooler or other place where you are not worried about the blood getting all over the decks. Bluefish, like most fish, bleed profusely when cut.

Although bleeding the fish will certainly help preserve the flesh and make it a bit tastier later on, the most important thing to remember is to get the fish on ice as soon as possible after catching it. This chilling keeps the meat fresh until you fillet the catch.

Another way to draw the blood from the flesh after the fish is filleted is to place the fillets in milk. Soak the fillets for about 15 minutes to a half an hour and then take them out of them milk and into the oven, frying pan, or refrigerator.

In day to day bluefishing, especially when the fishing is fast, it can be impractical to bleed each fish as you catch them. The most important thing to preserve the fish and keep it fresh, is to make sure it gets onto the ice right away. The sooner, the better.

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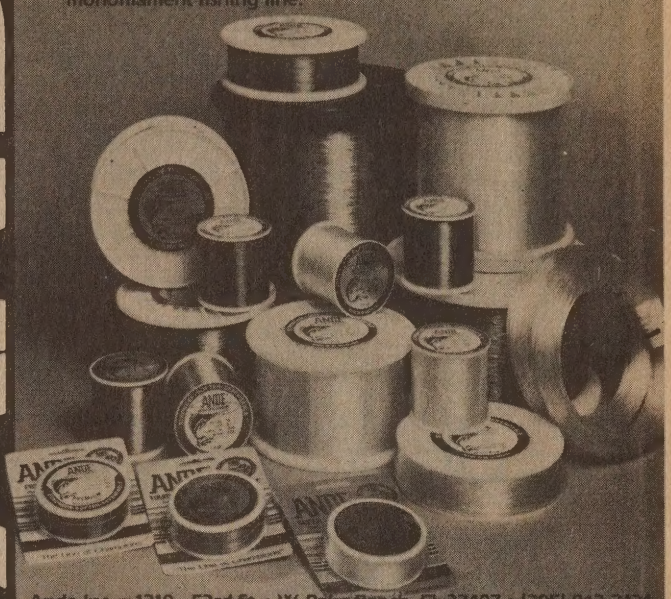

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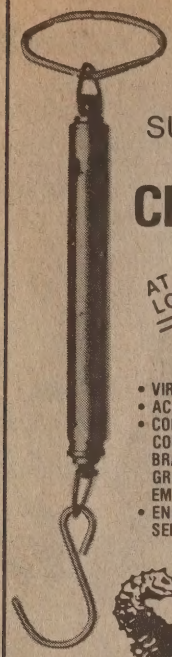

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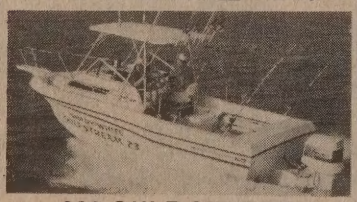

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by Eric Burnley

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Dear Eric,

I have a 14 foot Mirro-Craft deep fisherman powered with a 25 hp Evinrude. Is this craft too small to take out front on a nice day? Also, do you think I overpowered the craft? I have been thinking about installing a console. Any information on controls, linkage would be very helpful.

Love your magazine. Keep up the great work! *F.W. Horning, Jr.*

Dear Fred,

Your 14 foot Mirro-Craft is safe to run out in the ocean so long as the operator is competent and the weather is cooperative. This is a very seaworthy boat and the 25 hp Evinrude is the ideal power plant especially if you plan to take it into big water.

You don't want to become overconfident with this boat. While it will do many things very well, it is still only 14 feet long and does have certain limitations. Most small boat operators (and big boat operators, too) get themselves into trouble when they exceed the limits of good sense. They stray too far from home when the weather is threatening or they overload the boat with people and equipment. A boat of this size is very tender and your load must be distributed evenly to give the craft a stable ride.

If you plan to install a console you must consider weight distribution and stability. If you put a side console on you will be running the boat with all of your weight on that side. You may want to compensate for his by placing the battery, anchor and other gear

Left side was painted with untreated anti-fouling bottom paint. Same paint was used on right side but was treated with Compound X from Star Brite.

on the opposite side.

The motor linkage required for a console installation should come from Evinrude. Your dealer will be able to supply this. The steering controls may be available through Mirro-Craft, Northport, Inc., 36 N. Harding, Gillett, Wisconsin 54124.

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Dear Eric,

Last year I purchased a Loran and while I had no problems with the unit I did have a problem when I used it in the steer mode. It seems I always over-corrected when the unit said I was going off the track and consequently, I would run a zigzag course to the waypoint I had my Loran programmed to reach. Is there any way to overcome this problem. *Sol Entz.*

Dear Sol,

I think you will find the more experience you have using the Loran, the straighter your course will be. I find it easiest to begin my correction before the cross track reaches .10 nautical miles. As the numbers begin to go back toward zero I come back to my compass heading at .03 or .02. I don't wait for the Loran to tell me I am on track because by the time the unit computes this I will already be off track again in the opposite direction. This same practice applies when navigating by a compass without the aid of Loran.

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Dear Eric,

I have a question about your column of 4-30-87 and the letter asking about low lead (or no lead) fuels burning valves in an outboard engine. Which valves are you referring to?

I have limited experience and some working knowledge of both 2 and 4 cycle engines and I can comprehend burning valves in a 4 cycle engine, but I don't understand which valves will burn in an outboard (2 cycle). Can you fill me in please? *Jim Smith.*

Dear Jim,

In rereading the answer I gave to the inquiry about low lead fuels and valves, I can easily see why it was confusing. I failed to separate 2 and 4 cycles engines and as you have pointed out, there definitely is a difference.

As you probably guessed, I'm not a mechanic so I rely on information from others when the questions get too technical for my meager mind. According to my source, the lower octane rating of low lead fuels is the greater hazard to 2 cycle outboards. With a 4 cycle engine, valve damage and low octane can cause trouble.

We have reviewed several letters on this subject and the only way anyone can be certain about the state of their particular engine is to check with the manufacturer or a mechanic certified by the manufacturer. To rely on shadetree mechanics or boating column writers is to invite disaster.

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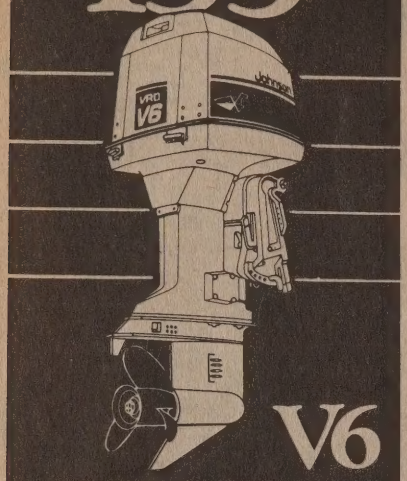
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LIBBA/STATE BEACH PROJECTS

by Fred Golofaro

Saturday, May 30th, was a scorcher. By midday, the mainland temperature had climbed above the ninety degree marks as a stalled Bermuda high blasted us with the first steamy flow of hot air of the summer. But the uncomfortable heat was not enough to deter a group of 27 Long Island Beach Buggy Association members and surf fishermen who went to work "planting" wood guard rails, stringing cable and installing snow fencing on State Park and Babylon Town property at Cedar Beach, inside Fire Island Inlet.

Materials for the project were supplied by the state while LIBBA coordinated the work effort and provided refreshments. Guard rail posts and cable were planted along the northernmost beach entrance off of Engineers Road to keep the uneducated out of the dune areas to the north.

A second beach access was created by extending the end of Engineers Road for State Beach Vehicle Permit holders nearer the Sore Thumb. Vehicles may now enter the easternmost stretch of Cedar with a minimal amount of beach driving. More importantly, this entrance provides an alternative to the northernmost access point which frequently gets flooded out by high moon and storm tides. In the past, drivers were forced to creep along the edge of the dune line to avoid driving through water in order to exit the beach. The new access point should eliminate any similar problems in the future. Several hundred feet of snow fencing was installed on the beach beyond the new entrance to discourage vehicles from going north into a fragile dune and tern nesting area.

In addition, posts and cable were installed at the base of the Sore Thumb to keep vehicles off of this manmade structure. Winter storms caused some extreme damage to the midsection of the Thumb, creating a potential hazard to vehicles.

The entire project was wrapped up by early afternoon, thanks to the hardworking efforts of this small group of volunteers. The only snag to develop was a shortage of cable. Our hats off to John Fritz and Bill Miller for returning on June 5th to string the last couple of hundred feet of cable by themselves.

The following weekend, Saturday, June 6th, dawned sunny, cool and dry. According to LIBBA president Bob Lucchesi and Mike Asheroff, Deputy Regional Director of the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission, more than 160 people showed up for the Gilgo snow fence project on the first day.

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According to people from both sides, it was the best cooperative effort undertaken thus far. While 70 of the volunteers were LIBBA members, help came from a wide array of people. There were Boy Scouts, several surfers, members of a North Babylon High School English class, beach lovers and approximately 20 state employees working side by side with the surf fishing crowd. Some passerbys on Ocean Parkway even stopped to pitch in once they realized what was going on. Volunteers ranged in age from five years old to eighty. Even the famous stopped to lend a hand as "Bring Him Back Alive" Frank BUck stirred the memories of some of the oldsters on hand.

Long Island's surf fishing clubs were well represented with members from Mid Island, Gateway Striper, High Hill Striper, Great South Bay Anglers and Patchogue Fishing Club participating.

Every surf fisherman I spoke to who participated in the project had nothing but praise for the way the Park Commission coordinated the effort. John Sheridan (Regional Director L.I.S.P.R.C.), Mike Asheroff and Frank Kollar (Assistant Superintendent of Jones Beach State Park) were all on hand to help coordinate the effort. Congratulations to them for running a flawless show.

The project had almost a festive atmosphere despite the tremendous amount of work that was accomplished. All volunteers were provided with a Beach Day shirt, courtesy of the State and South Shore Outdoor in Bay Shore. Hats were provided by Harbor Distributors and Anheiser Busch and gloves were issued by the State. Volunteers were treated to an "all you can eat barbecue" with the food and drink donated by Canteen Corp. and Volume Food Services. Tools, fencing and heavy equipment were all provided by the state. Despite the extensive work effort, most volunteers talked more of what a good time they had rather than of the hard work involved. It's a safe bet to say that more fish were probably caught over that weekend than all of last season—and under a bright sun no less!

But did they work! According to Mike Asheroff, nearly six miles of fencing was installed by the volunteer work force over the two days. Sixty people made up Sunday's crew.

The purpose of the project was to shore up the battered dune line along Gilgo Beach. Snow fence has proven successul in collecting wind blown sand to help re-establish dunes and it's hoped that the beach will be built back up in time to endure the next onslaught.

For many of those who participated in these two projects, there was tremendous satisfaction in doing something to help themselves, as well as helping to protect one of Long Island's most precious resources: the barrier beach.

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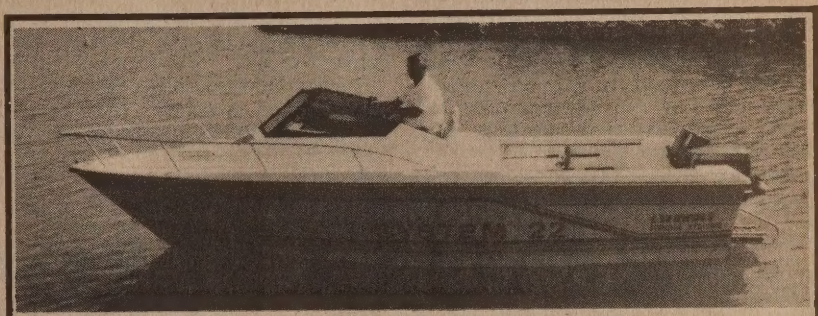

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by Capt. Al Anderson

This report provides valuable information on trends in the giant bluefin tuna fishery based on 1985 and 1986 data from NMFS.

On November 14, 1986, the NMFS released a report on the status of the giant Atlantic bluefin tuna covering the period 1-1-86 to 11-13-86. With my charter sport fishing winding down for the season, I've had a chance to look at the details of this report. Included also is information on both school and medium bluefin, but focus here is only on the giant bluefin tuna data. Also, comparisons will be made to previously released data from 1984 and 1985.

A total of 19,099 vessels had permits to catch giant tuna in '86 (9% increase over '85). Since 1984, a total of 3,189 new permits have been issued. Broken down into categories, there were 17,763 general permits, 1,082 incidental/other permits and 254 harpoon boat permits.

Of these approximately 18,100 permits, it is estimated that only half the usual number of vessels permitted in the general category that caught fish in '85 were successful in '86. This is approximately 3 percent of the total permitted vessels. In 1985, approximately 5 percent of the total permitted vessels took fish, a slightly lower percentage (6%) than in 1984.

Figures indicate that a total of 3,468 giant bluefin tuna were landed in '86, significantly less than in '85 (4,760). These fish had a total reported weight of 1,015 short tons (2,300,000 lbs.), approximately 500,000 lbs. less than landed in 1985.

Taking a quick look at the data for each permit category, the General category (harpoon, handline, rod and reel) took a total of 1,345 giant tuna. Compared to 1985, this is just slightly more than half (56%) of the number of fish taken the previous year (2,387). Compared to '85, the average weight of each fish increased from 570 lbs. to 597 lbs.

In '86 in the Harpoon category, a total of 286 giants were taken, down from '85 in which 311 fish were landed. However, the average weight of the tuna landed remained about the same.

In the Incidental category, a total of 464 giants were taken, slightly fewer than in '85, but average fish weight increased to 614 lbs.

In the Purse Seine category, a total of 1,373 giant tuna were taken, approximately 13% fewer fish than in 1985, but average fish weight increased from 526 lbs. to 578 lbs.

1986 NMFS ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA REPORT

—SUMMARY TABLE—

VESSELS PERMITTED (Total) 19,099

VESSELS WITH REPORTED CATCH 3%

TOTAL GIANT TUNA CAUGHT 3,468

CATEGORY	FISH TAKEN	AVERAGE WEIGHT	PERCENT
GENERAL:			
HARPOON	229	578 POUNDS	7%
HANDLINE	644	648 POUNDS	19%
ROD AND REEL	472	538 POUNDS	14%
TOTAL	1345		
HARPOON:	286	520 POUNDS	8%
INCIDENTAL:	464	614 POUNDS	13%
PURSE SEINE:	1373	578 POUNDS	39%

Rod and reel fishermen caught only 472 fish, or about 44% of that taken in 1985 (1,062). In '84 and '85, approximately 1,100 fish each year were landed by rod and reel, or about 22% of the total giant bluefin landed. In '86, rod and reel fishermen took only 14% of the total; for whatever reasons, the fish did not cooperate. Handlines and harpoons accounted for the other 26% in the General category, down slightly from '85.

Of interest is the latest data on the statewide distribution of permits for the General category, which represents 93% of the total permitted vessels. The majority of permits are held by vessels out of Massachusetts, with 38%. New Jersey follows with 18%, New York with 17%, Rhode Island with 8.5%, followed by Maine, Connecticut and New Hampshire for a total of 98% in this category.

The accompanying table summarizes some of the data presented by the 1986 NMFS report. What conclusions are evident on the basis of this latest information?

(1) Unlike '84 and '85, the annual catch quota for 1986 was not attained. Landings in the General category were far less than anticipated. (2) Only a very small percentage (3%) of the giant bluefin tuna permit holders were successful. (3) In 1984 and 1985, handline fishermen, although considerably fewer in number, took nearly as many fish as rod and reel fishermen and landed a much larger fish. In '86, they took 36% more fish than those with rod and reel, with averge fish weight being 17% greater. (4) Again, in '86, over a third of all giant tuna were landed by only five permitted vessels, the purse seiners. As in the past, these few vessels are creating a significant impact on the Atlantic bluefin tuna stock in the western North Atlantic. (5) In 1984 and again in 1985, the rod and reel fishermen and handliners took the largest percentage of fish (44%), thereby having the greatest impact on the fisheries. However, in 1986, the purse seine fisheries took approximately 40% of the fish, rivaling the impact of the General category (39%).

The data provided by the NMFS for 1986 appears to "mirror" closely the information released in '84 and '85 in all but the General category. Category closure is affected when tonnage quota is reached, and was achieved in '84 and '85 for all categories. However, in 1986, the General category did not approach allocated tonnage—and the season ended due to poor weather, not landings. In the Harpoon and Incidental categories, it appears only minor "catch success" shifts occurred.

With little change in the 1987 Federal Regulations, the upcoming NMFS data on the status of the Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery this coming year, will hopefully allow for a more significant and detailed commentary on the trends of this popular fishery.

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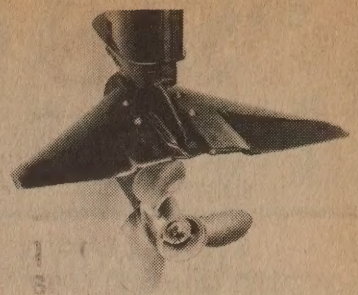

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"SUMMER" FLOUNDER

by William A. Muller

Moriches Bay has often been referred to as a "flatfisherman's paradise" because of the abundance of winter flounder virtually year-round and fluke which first make a showing in May and can be caught well into September in many years. It is the fact that winter flounder are available in the bay during most, if not all, of the summer that makes good fodder for a story.

Most of us seek winter flounder during the spring and fall, with spring getting more attention from anglers than the fall, what with cabin fever pushing us out the door in February and the fall run of bass and blues distracting us in the fall. During good flounder seasons most of us get "floundered out" around the end of May and although there are still flounder to be caught in many places during June into early July, the interest level wanes. If you're like me you start to think about bass, blackfish, blues, weaks, fluke, etc., yet after the initial run of these species your mind wanders back to flounder. Maybe you take a look in the freezer and realize you didn't put away as many fillets as you thought, or maybe the frantic search for game fish has tarnished your zeal for them and you begin to long for a relaxing day of flounder fishing.

If that happens to you, take heart; there are a couple of places to try your luck, and one of the best is Moriches Bay.

In the early spring, most flounder fishermen in Moriches Bay head to the east because that's where most of the action is. Well into March, the fish spread west, in areas both to the east and west of the inlet, while the eastern grounds cool.

Through April and May the fish are available in many locations, and it is this time of the year that is described as "peak season." However, as the waters warm, many of the larger fish leave the bay, diminishing the size of the bay's stocks. That should not be construed to mean that flounder fishing is over in the bay. Very often good catches can be made in many of the bay's coves, yet for the most part, these fish will be small, averaging around 3/4 pounds. Bigger fish are still in the bay, however.

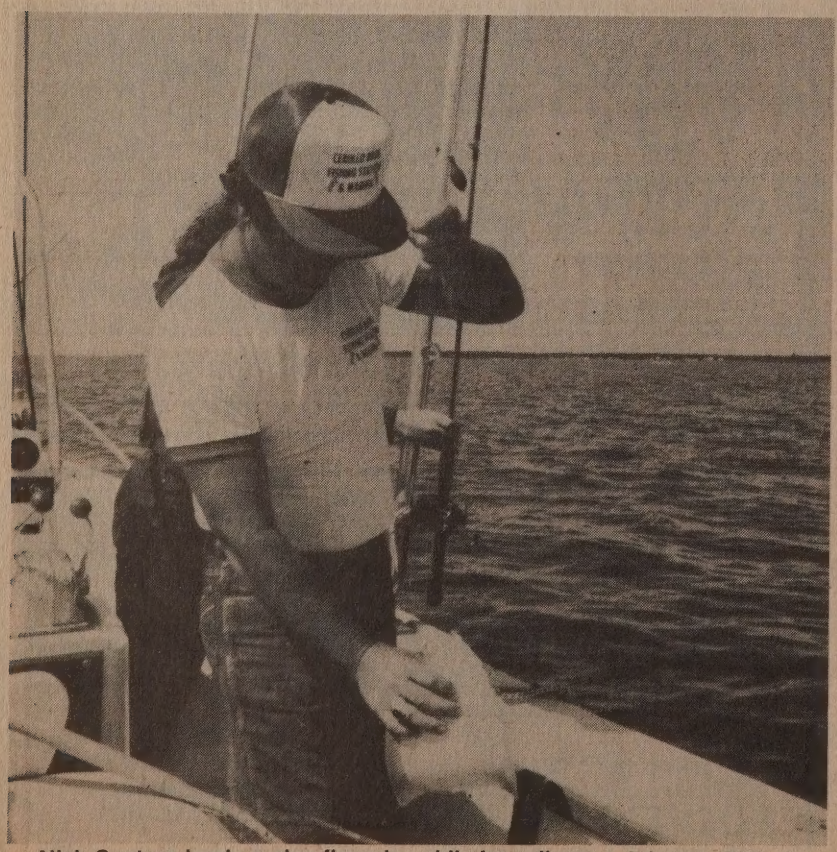
I've had the pleasure of fishing for flounder in July in the bay with a couple of the bay's more accomplished flatfishermen. Their approach is basic, yet is the essence of angling genius. They begin with the premise that quality fish will only be found in a few spots at this time of the year and so they are not discouraged by fruitless hours bouncing a sinker. They know the fish are somewhere, and so they relentlessly spend one-half to an hour in one hole at a time until they score. When they find the fish, the action can be frantic and it is not unusual to catch fish to 2½ pounds.

In order to hunt the fish, they suggest restricting as many variables as possible so as to deal primarily with the immediate problem: are the fish in this hole? Thus, they stick to all the known do's and don'ts. Don't fish on an east wind, but do fish all other wind directions. Don't fish when the water is dirty. Do fish the incoming tide, but avoid the ebb. Do use a variety of fresh baits to be tested on different rods. Do chum heavily, but don't throw chum around freely—use a large chum pot or two. Do double anchor if you can, to avoid a swing.

Okay, by following these tried and true "rules" for fishing Moriches Bay, these sharpies can avoid the problem of fishing in a hole loaded with fish that aren't biting because the conditions are wrong. Now, it is true that once the fish are located, they might try the spot in the wrong wind or tide, just to see if the hunger of the school exceeds the effects of poor conditions, but that's better left to a time when a good body of fish has been found.

It is true that incoming tide is far better than the ebb in Moriches, although like everything else in fishing there are those exceptions. Yet, within the framework of percentage fishing that says we should fish the flood, and although it is true that the best of the flood is usually the last few hours, there are days when the bite is the first two hours, the middle two hours and on those days that dreams are made of, the whole tide. For this reason, summer flounder sharpies in Moriches are patient. They'll work the flood from start to finish and thus be sure to not miss the bite. If the fish bite early and then the action dies, they have half a tide to chase fluke around the bay.

The bay is shallow and currents inside the bay gentle. Therefore, light tackle is recommended over heavy stuff. Although many flounder fishermen prefer spinning gear in the bay, I



Nick Castoro lands a nice flounder while he collects a July tan. ***William Muller photo.***

favor conventional tackle. In recent years, I've taken to using baitcasting gear because of its light weight and convenience in use. I really have a ball with 6 pound test monofilament on a Shimano Bantam, a Zebco Quantum, or any one of the many fine quality baitcasting reels available. Match this up to a 5 or 6 foot light action stick and you have the makings of considerable fun. In most places, one ounce of lead will be all that you'll need, and frequently you can get away with less than that. There are a few places where the current must be dealt with by using a 2 ounce sinker, but there aren't many situations where you'll need heavier weights for summertime floundering.

Those of you who have followed my articles on flounder fishing have noted that I rave about fresh bank mussels for bait. In fact, I've spent considerable words trying to get you to try mussels even though many complain about the difficulty of keeping the mussel on a hook. Yet, for summer floundering in Moriches you'll not hear me beg you to try mussels. In fact, it doesn't even pay to try them; based on my most recent experiences. The most successful food combinations that I've observed have been ground clam and bunker in the chum pots, with blood worms on the hook. There have been a few times when clam strips have outfished the worms, but for day in, day out bait, I'd suggest the blood worms.

A word of caution is wise here. There are a few spots where you might find the flounder on sandy bottom this time of the year. Under such conditions sand worms can be better than bloods and large clam strips can outfish both.

The water is warm, and thus the fish aren't shy at all. I got a kick out of the way they attacked my baits the first time I went out. They sure were swimming about actively. I found little need to lift the way we do in springtime. In fact, that's exactly how I started out of habit, and soon discovered that I was catching many fewer fish than my boat companions. The dead stick method is better.

Locating good potential flounder territory isn't all that hard. You can always use the tried and true method of looking for a cluster of anchored boats. However, if you wish to find your own fish, you can use a depth recorder to find those areas off the flats and channels that are a bit deeper; usually only a few feet. Avoid the main fluke grounds north and west of the inlet in favor of the dips and channels between the island areas of deeper in the bay to the west or east. Stay closer to the south side of the bay because north side coves will surrender smaller fish. However, if you want hot action and aren't fussy about size, you may want to fish the coves exclusively.

Light tackle, clams and worms and a little search and destroy strategy should prove a successful combination on Moriches flounder.

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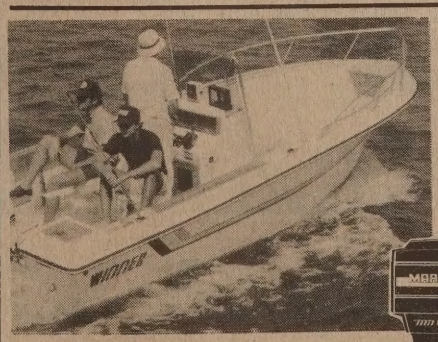

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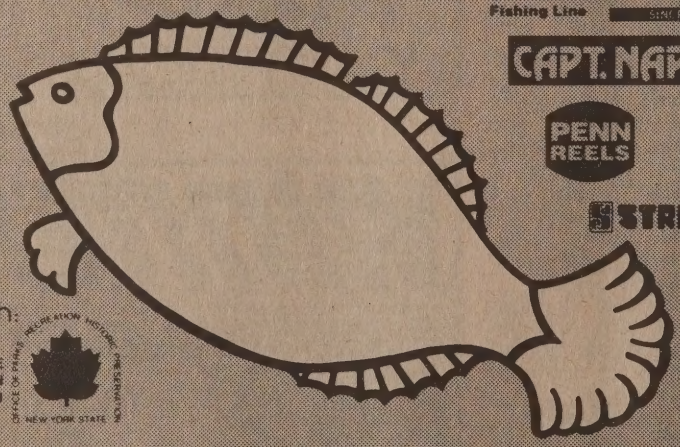

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MORE BASS FOR LESS

by Carl Buxbaum

There's snow on the ground as I write today, and it's falling heavy, wet and white right now—a good time to take care of the little things that should have been done sometime ago.

I just finished replacing rusted and bent hooks on my surf plugs, repainting some bucktail heads and making a list of replacement lures for the ones that couldn't be saved. Yesterday, I made a list of flies that ought to be acquired before trout season, and now my work table is covered with the contents of three big tackle boxes of artificials designed for black bass, pickerel and panfish.

This ritual is more than an attempt to be ready for another season, because each lure triggers memories and daydreams. And you begin to think: here's that beautiful little crankbait that was worked so hard for two years, because I was convinced it had to be deadly, but it still looks new; it never caught a fish. Oh, the blue and yellow strands of the skirt on the spinnerbait that took all those little largemouths are sticky, and the whole thing is clumping—better get a new skirt. Only one 9 inch blue, metallic flake plastic worm left, the kind that was eaten by a 5¾ pound bigmouth as it was laying dead on the bottom, while I broke to light a cigarette; I'll need a few dozen. I make a note to get new hooks for the 3½ inch Bomber that was nearly torn apart in a single hour when Fort Pond's hybrid stripers were blitzing like bluefish; they kept slamming whenever it floated quietly on an intermittent, stop and go retrieve. Only one of my favorite Rapalas left; it's so beat up that I wonder if it'll still attract bass and pickerel. I don't worry too much about whether it swims true any more, because it almost always gets hit while floating dead in the water; but it might not float high enough. Better buy a couple.

A pattern seems to be emerging. My best memories seem to be more related to how a lure was worked than to any particular type, color, or built-in action. Maybe there's something to that ongoing debate among fly casters: one school of thought argues for precise imitation of natural foods, but the other says that fly presentation, whatever the pattern, is what counts most.

Looking at the list of needed flies, I find mainly nymphs and wets, but recall that they worked best, for big trout in particular, on dead drifts from upstream casts or in inch-by-inch crawling retrieves at the end of downstream swings. The darter that had to be replaced (on the surf list) got its screw eye crushed when it was drifting downtide on the slowest of retrieves; and the needlefish plugs I've come to trust have no built-in action, yet quality fish hit them mostly when moving very slowly.

I'm smiling as I look over my bassing lures: they glitter, they flash, they sparkle, they rattle, they wiggle, pop, swim, dive, clatter and damn near sing sweet songs—but I seem to recall that when it comes to bigmouths over 15 inches, those lures are best when they're doing almost nothing or indeed, nothing at all.

Better stop bragging about that 22 inch rainbow; the log has it at 21½; and the 6 pound bucketmouth was shy of that mark by 2 ounces. Oops, there goes my new theory: a 4 pound bass

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snatched a spinnerbait that was ripping along at top speed. But wait, here's another one I forgot about: a 4½ pounder that took a sinking Rebel, crawfish fake on the drop, with no retrieve.

I decide to count. I count only bass over 15 inches in two columns: active presentation and inactive presentation. The theory might be right, but I go back two more years into the log, to be sure. The differences are so obvious that crude arithmetic is good enough. I don't have to tinker with percentages. And I won't tell you the exact number of bigmouths better than 15 inches that I took during the last three years, for the simple reason that most of you will call me a liar and the rest will think I'm a pompous braggart. I've been among fishermen long enough to know that there are certain things you never win on. For those who just might have a little trust, however, let's say that the sample of big bass crept into the range of triple digit numbers.

The conclusion? Quality largemouths were somewhere between 4 and 5 times more likely to hit relatively inactive lures than they were to hit active, fast lures. Less lure action means more quality bigmouths.

I'm not just talking about "do-nothing" lures here; plenty has been written about do-nothing worms and stickbaits. Most of what is written about stickbaits, though, tells anglers how to make the do-nothings do something, like walking the dog retrieves. But what I've got in mind is the do-nothing, or at least the do as little as possible, presentation of all ures—even the ones with lively, built-in action.

Inactive surface presentations may be easily accomplished with do-nothing lures, such as unweighted, floating plastic worms, stickbaits like the famous Zara Spook or Devil's Horse and some of those lipless minnow imitations. Cast these to the edge of emergent cover, say deadfalls or reeds, or over submerged cover in water no deeper than 4 to 5 feet; twitch the rod tip a couple of times to attract attention, then let the lure sit still and wait.

The whole idea is to make the lure look like mortally wounded prey that can muster a splash, now and then, but is too weak to escape or evade stalking predators. It seems as if even dormant, fat old lunkers with full bellies can't resist an easy meal they don't have to chase.

It's hard to say how long you should wait before twitching the bait again, or giving up on a spot altogether. I used to wait only until the rings caused by the lure's movement faded away, but I've experienced many heart-stopping strikes after waiting "too long" because I lost concentration or took time to tie a shoe lace that became undone. So I don't really know any more. Yet it seems that it doesn't pay to wait more than about 10 seconds between twitches of the

rod tip when using unrealistic looking plugs. The longer you wait, the more time a bass has to eyeball the bait, and if it's especially dumb looking, it won't get hit unless it moves. Most of my success with longer waits has come when using clone-like minnow imitations, either slim or fat; slim versions, like the original Rapala, have been best.

Rapala type plugs, however, have action inducing lips and it may just be that better inactive presentations can be made with lively, rather than do-nothing, lures. You twitch and wait, as is done with stickbaits, but instead of splashing, the plug dives a bit and bobs back to the surface. Be patient. Wait. This tactic is lethal, especially if the lure has a drooping tail that hangs underwater. Jointed slim minnows are dynamite for this reason—bass just can't resist the dangling tails of nearly dead prey floating on the surface.

Certain poppers are effective in the same way. The good ones are end weighted so that the face tilts up and the tail droops irresistibly. Some, like the Hula Poppers, have plastic or rubber skirts that quiver ever so slightly below the surface film. Give these a short chug after they splash down and let them sit. There's very little in fishing that is more exciting than a still water topside blast at a dead bait.

Inactive presentations can be made at mid-depths in three ways: first, you can dive a floating crankbait, stop the retrieve and let it float back up; second, you can allow a sinking plug to slowly slip toward bottom before retrieving it a little and letting it fall again; and third, you can use a long stop and short go retrieve with a neutral buoyancy plug, like the Shad Rap. All of these methods produce bass, but the second and third seem to take the lead—probably because most floaters bob back to the surface too rapidly. In my experience, the slow sinkers and neutral buoyancy plugs, which hover at the depth to which they dive when you stop cranking, are best.

Do-little bottom presentations are simply fantastic for big bass. Plastic worms (rigged Texas style) and weedless jig and pig combos are effective when dragged on the bottom very slowly, with frequent pauses of a few seconds. Keep an eye on your line during the pauses: if it moves or tightens, set the hook fast and hard and be ready for a hit as you move the bait again.

This is slow, patient fishing. You have to avoid the temptation to rush around and cover a lot of territory. You've got to believe fish are there and that you're playing with them as you would with a kitten that is curiously interested in a piece of string. It's a game of temptation and teasing that requires concentration and finesse. And if you can calm down and take your time, the average size of the bigmouths you catch will skyrocket.

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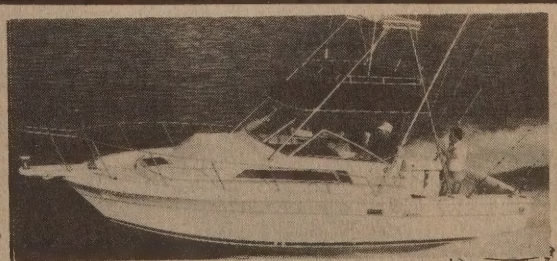

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LET'S NOT FORGET THE KIDS

by Matt Ahern

I sat in the stern of the rented skiff, doing no fishing, and yet enjoying myself to the utmost. In the bow sat Henny Bibbler, a neighbor's kid, his ripe old age of 12 reflected in the anxious eyes riveted on the tip of the light spinning rod he held in his hand.

I saw the rod twitch twice and I threw a quick glance at the kid, but he was right on the ball. He set the hook with a quick flip of his wrist, and after a short, spirited battle, he lifted a fair-sized flounder aboard. I watched him unhook it like a pro and place it in the bucket.

"That's three," he said proudly.

"There's more down there," I replied. "Go get 'em."

And get 'em he did. When quitting time arrived, six more flatties had gone into his bucket. Not bad, I thought, for a kid's first fishing trip. I didn't catch a fish that day. But it didn't matter. I hoped I had made (and added) a new fisherman to the coming generation.

Have you ever taken a kid fishing? No? Well, don't feel too bad about it, for you've got plenty of company. Most fishermen are so intent on the pursuit of their finny quarry they often overlook the joy that can come with sharing their sport with someone less fortunate.

And I can't think of anyone being less fortunate than some starry-eyed kid who dreams of fishing, but hasn't a ghost of a chance of fulfilling that longing. That is, not unless some adult fisherman notices the kid's plight, takes pity and includes him on the next fishing trip.

Granted, not every kid is a potential fisherman, but you can be sure these youngsters are few and far between. So few and far between that I've yet to meet one whose eye failed to twinkle when asked the magic words: "How'd you like to go fishing?"

Sure, kids can be a pain in the tail; the lively, wide-awake kid is always that. Do you recall your first fishing trip as a kid? I'll bet there was someone close by wishing you'd go overboard with the bait.

When Captain Tom Griffenberg ran his popular party boat "Survisor II" out of Island Park some years ago, I remember he made it a point not to forget the kids. Just about every weekday during summer, various Island Park youngsters were guests aboard his vessel. Those kids had a ball catching sea bass and porgies from the many wrecks we used to fish. There is no doubt in my mind that many of those kids have continued to fish to this day. And is that bad?

Years ago fraternal organizations recognized the need that existed and they tried to do something about it. Various daily newspapers recognized the need and they also tried to do something about it. They and many other organizations like them unselfishly and cheerfully devoted countless hours to the staging of fishing contests for children throughout the summer months, awarding prizes of first class tackle for the largest and smallest fish caught. Some of this still continues, but much of it has fallen by the wayside due to the sad conditions that exist today in many areas.

But it seems that the good Lord was not willing to give up on the kids (after all, wasn't He a fisherman?). The Fisherman, the same magazine you are holding in your hands right now, has found a way to continue this very important effort and to help defeat the Beast who walks in human form. The Beast who preys on our children to the detriment of our great land.

Introducing youngsters to fishing through projects such as The Fisherman's Send-A-Kid Fishing Program, will benefit these young people throughout their lifetime.

The Fisherman has established a "Send A Kid Fishing" fund. Each summer scores of kids who would never have had an opportunity to go fishing are given the opportunity to do just that. That they have a ball goes without saying. That many of them are given a chance to enjoy the finer things in life, also goes without saying. Party boat skippers go all out in this effort and devote one day to this noble cause.

But—and here is the big "but"—it takes money, plus untold energy on the part of many to make this effort a success. If you feel as I do, I've found a painless way for you to help.

Over the years, I have sent out thousands upon thousands of a great booklet put out by DuPont entitled "Knots." It consists of 36 pages and is chock-full of those knots we fishermen find most helpful. There are two methods just on hook snelling alone. If you make up your own rigs, or intend to, this is the booket for you. All line drawings are simple to follow. I have sent this booklet almost around the world during the past few years: South Korea, Ireland, France, Argentina, Hawaii, plus every state on the East Coast to as far west as Nebraska and California. It is free. Absolutely.

I also have another fine bit of interest called "A Guide To The Selection of Salt Water Bait Hooks." It is put out by O. Mustad & Son of Oslo, Norway. It shows the hooks we fishermen commonly use in actual size. There is also some info on saltwater baits and how to rig them. This, too, is free. Absolutely.

As I say, over the years, I've sent these out to thousands of fishermen. And during those years, the fellows would include a buck or two "For your trouble, Matt." I would always return it.

Then last year I got an idea. I would offer the booklet and Mustad pamphlet as usual, but this time I would ask the fellows to include a buck or two for the "Send A Kid Fishing" fund. I spoke to Mr. Fred Golofaro, The Fisherman editor, about my brainstorm. He said it sounded good to him and to give it a whirl. I did. The response was great! And I know that this summer there will be a lot more kids fishing than ever. Thanks to all you good guys out there.

The booklet and pamphlet are free. It isn't required that you send me a dime. I will still send you the booklet and pamphlet. Either way.

So, if you're interested, here's what you do. Send me a **stamped**, self-addressed #10 (business size) envelope to my home at 39 King Street., Hampton Bays, NY 11946. (Don't send this to the office as I have the booklets and pamphlets here at home. The office cannot help you on this.) If you want both items, put **two** stamps on the return envelope and I'll know what you want. All monies received will be forwarded to the office as soon as possible. Your name will be published as a contributor to the fund. And God bless.

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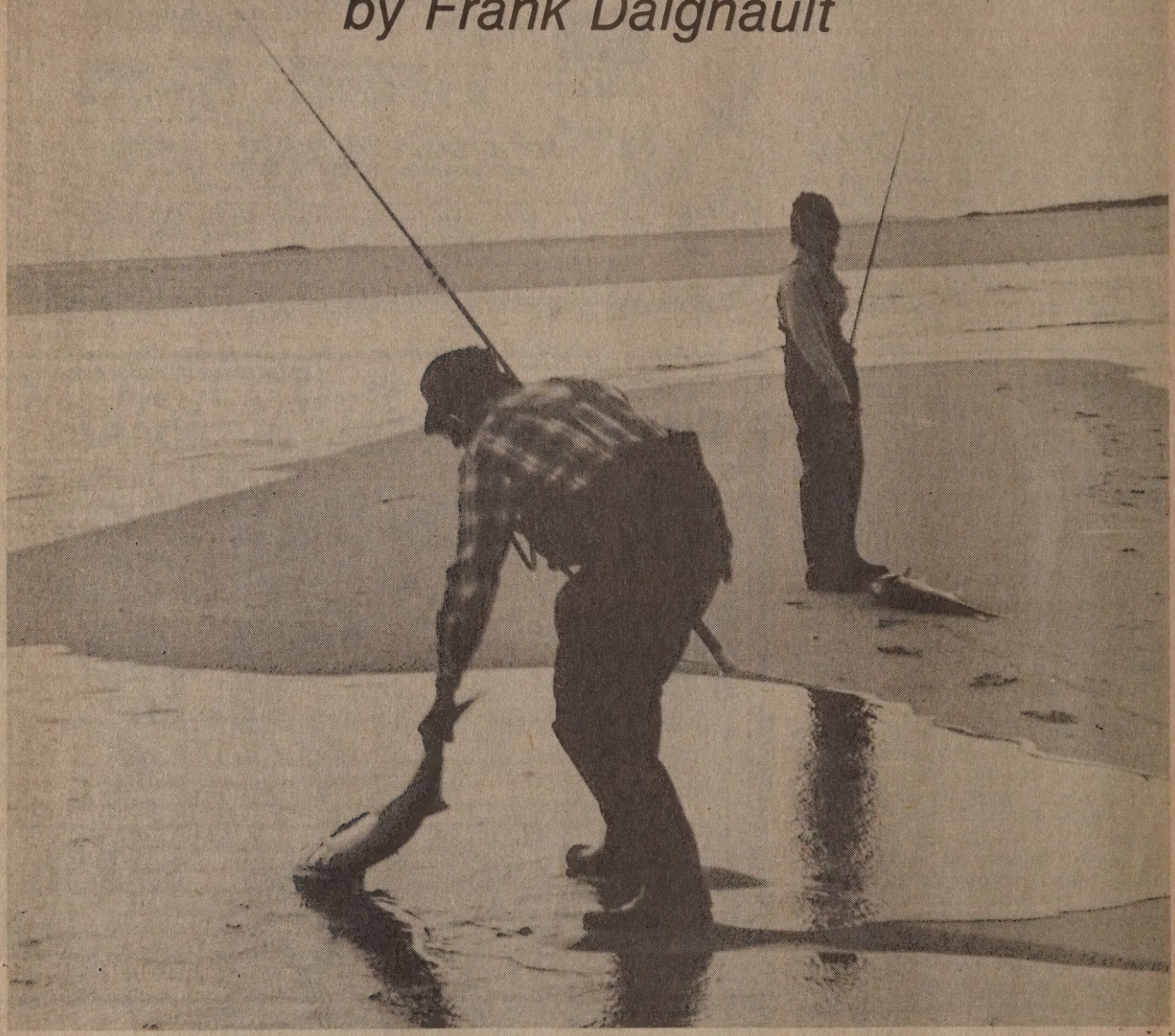
MAKE THE MOST OF DAYBREAK

by Frank Daignault



If 40 years of hunting and fishing has taught me anything, it is that there is one hour of the day that you don't want to miss: daybreak. When I was a small boy, Papa used to wake my brother and me for the field amid the smell of frying bacon saying, "Let's go, boys. Either you get up now or you can stay in bed the rest of the day." He never had to tell us twice.

Since then I've come to love fishing the beach and, along with that love, I've also developed an abiding respect for that magic time when a new day is sagging in the east. The reason why you are more likely to take more fish per hour at this time apparently ties in with the fact that game fish had had all night to move into the shallows. And they know, with the brightening, that they will soon have to move out. They take with such abandon, that it seems as though they were trying to capitalize on their last feeding opportunity. I've always believed this to be true of all species—fresh and salt—but nowhere is it more evident than while fishing the shore, particularly for bluefish. Even if you've been taking fish all night, you won't be able to help but notice a heightening of activity at the crack of dawn. Moreover, if the blues are around but haven't been taking in the dark, it is nearly certain that they will make a pass along the beach before heading out to deep water to sulk for the day. Researchers are certain that blues are triggered into a feeding frenzy at dawn to a greater degree than most other marine species. Years ago, and I've read about this many times, some marine lab in New Jersey played games with bluefish in a tank by slowly turning up the lights while the water was filled with bait. They found that the blues would clean up the tank as soon as the light improved.

Of course, that is not to say that blues alone exhibit this kind of behavior when triggered by sunrise.

I'm convinced that stripers run a close second to them in exhibiting the trait. Also, stripers are more vulnerable to delay if feeding opportunities are holding up. Naturally, other factors come into play. An overcast sky can both delay and lengthen the dawn. Any of our surf game fish will linger under the cover of rough water for a longer time; and I think them less spooky if deep water, where relative safety is close at hand, isn't too much of a swim. Keep in mind that wild, predatory fish are not likely to allow themselves to become victims of some other creature.

Granted, for the surfman, the beach is a nighttime proposition. But there is a brief period when enough light is available to actually look for fish. Anybody equipped with a buggy would do well to run the beach at this time. Of course, there will be times when bass or blues will be blowing up the water on bait. Or, just seeing a pod of forage can be signal enough to try the spot as fish will often lay in the vicinity. Sometimes, and this happens just often enough for mention here, you'll see the dorsal of a striper laying in the shallows; and sometimes, again just often enough, he will take.

If this magic time has a failing it is that it is too short. When used to its fullest advantage, we talk 45 minutes, unless rough water, overcast or migration influences add a little time. But if you stick with the realities of long term figures, most days don't provide any of those factors. For that reason it is imperative that any angler planning to fish the dawn be in the water while it is still full dark. My experience has been that far too many early morning surfmen wait until full light to start fishing, or can't get out of bed early enough to start on time. Many instances when we picked bass all night, there would be a wild flurry just as the east was brightening, but it would end once you could see. Then the dawn patrol, buggies driving the beach, would come down, oblivious to the fishing we had had. Earlier, when I mentioned driving the beach at dawn, I was talking about driving **off.**

Personally, the dawn fishing is far too short for me. If I am going to stretch it out I do so at the dark end, where chances of locating taking fish are far greater. The surfman fishing too early at 4Am is away ahead of the fellow who is exercising his casting arm at 6AM under a bright sun. We cling to the surfcaster's premise that ours is largely a night game. It may be a small advantage that wouldn't be strong enough to stand by itself, but the late end of the night goes largely unfished. Hotspots like the breachways in Rhode Island or the Cape's Race Point, to name only a few, often have impossible crowds where there is either a line of casters or little room to cast. Evenings, particularly Friday evenings, everybody is panting to fish. But that can fade fast when we take into account that they have worked all day, driven to the shore and have had to spend the night on the beach. Anybody who makes it that far is going to be part of a very small crowd, if any. Nor is it only a case of having enough room to fish. When yours is the only plug or eel in the surf, it simply has a better chance of being taken. I'm convinced that excessive beach activity drives fish out of the surf, what with the rumble of vehicles being felt in the sand that is magnified in the water and headlights on the sea that can send stripers and blues hell west. It is never like that in the deep night. That is why there is something to be said for being out of step.

Timing is the heart of fishing the early morning beach. I always look up "legal" sunrise in the local paper's almanac, actually writing it down. The magic time to be fishing is about 40 minutes before that, when there is a false dawn dull glow in the east that is so slight that you question if it is there. Working the time backwards, I subtract what time I need to get there.

A plan might look this this: sunrise—5:00; fish—4:20; suit up—4:10; depart—3:10; alarm—2:40.

Of course, the above itinerary is bare bones timing that does not allow for any pre-dawn fishing; it is one I might use on a day that I'm working, hopefully with a little later sunrise. Also, with so little time to fish, you might only put such a plan to work in a situation which you already know has been productive. Time off days, where you know you will have all day to recover (gad, my eyelids are heavy just thinking about it), you can move the starting time, 'Fish', back whatever you think you'll need, allowing the same minutes for get up and travel.

Certainly any methods that have been productive in the deep night should continually be employed while the light is changing. There is nothing wrong with using an eel or swimming plug just because you can see. Unaccountably, there seems to be some dictum in widespread use that methods should change with daylight; don't change what has been working. On the other hand, if things are dead there is nothing to be lost by bending on a splashy popper both to increase casting range and attract attention.

Assuredly it is the best hour of the day to be fishing, yet it lacks guarantees. My tendency is to forget the empty mornings, while those that have paid off vie in my memory as examples. Take the time I pulled up to a hotspot, buggies everywhere, spiked rods, far from the water that were left behind by a falling tide. Surfmen were all nodding and leaning, mindless to the brightness in the east and to bait that sprinkled against the shore. Any other night I might have been among them as I am sure you know we all miss our share of blitzes, all tire and fault in the same way. But this particular morning, I was on time, able to cast those few brief minutes when bass and blues raided the beach before daylight moved them out.

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HOW PRECIOUS A BAIT SUPPLY

by Dick Mermon

Down through the years, anglers have taken many things for granted, including a seemingly endless supply of natural bait. When it comes to baits such as sea worms, sand eels, spearing and even killiefish, I pay my money, get my goods and grumble about the cost. Still, in the back of my mind, it was worth the price. With no energy lost and after searching out some facts as to what technical skills were required to be successful in collecting bait (especially killiefish), any price is right.

Ronnie Bauer, owner of the Hudson Point Fishing Station and his son Mike, are but two of several baymen supplying anglers, tackle shops and bait stations with killiefish throughout the year. During the months of May and June of 1986, schools of killiefish had been depleted and very few were seen in the bays. It was stated there had been an unexpected early arrival of migratory marsh biards such as herons, egrets and cormorants. But the msot destructive of all birds to the killie population was the shell drake (strictly a fish eater) whose northern migration was detailed in Long Island's south shore bays. This fish-lover dined upon the adult killies in great numbers, thus cutting down on the reproduction of the marine baitfish. As the season progressed and it became late spring, more killiefish began to arrive in the bays, but were still difficult to trap for some unknown reason.

Although it may seem simple catching this baitfish as you walk out of the store holding a plastic bag full, or a loaded killie cart, it's no easy task and there are distinctive techniques which have been followed through the years. Horseshoe crabs, females only, must be harvested during their spring migration into the bay's shallow waters for the eggs which they carry. These are then placed into a large floating storage cart or live-well cage, assuring future bait for the killie traps. All the baymen employ killie cages to trap the baitfish, which are constructed from plastic coated screening. A tunnel opening is at one end, while the opposite side main-

Ron Bauer empties a trap full of precious baitfish into a floating cart.

tains the trapdoor where bait is placed and killies are emptied. Unlike the commercial minnow trap with two tunnel entrances, this bait-jaul contains one for a good reason. Killies always face the current when heading into a shallow channel, hence the trap is positioned so the baitfish will enter easily, but will never find the way otu again, that is, with the opening on the backside, or downside of the flow.

Killiefish have a variety of food to feed upon once established within the bay, but their favorite is crab eggs, especially horseshoe crabs. Therefore, it is essential that a bayman collect sufficient quantities of these tank-like creatures when they become available. A horseshoe crab is chopped into several small sections and each trap receives one or two pieces. The baited cages are now ready to be placed into the shallows.

Killie traps are not merely scattered haphazardly, one here and another there, but placed in strategic, migratory locations such as the entranceway to mosquito drainage ditches, or channels between the marshlands. One trap is sufficient for each location, however, every drainage ditch does not always excite the killies and Ron Bauer knows which are the most popular with the baitfish.

Killies, although they look stupid, do have their seasonal habits and several factors are involved. Tidal heights, moon phases, wind, thunderstorms, rain, roadway runoff, boat traffic, time of day (dawn or dusk) and even the appearance of grass or sand shrimp will prevent the killies from entering the trap. As bizarre as it may sound, shrimp that have utilized the bait cage for protection against predators will emit clicking sounds, in turn chasing the killies from the trap's entrance. Quite often, this is the main reason for the lack of killies during the months of May, June and the beginninjg of July, when the shrimp are plentiful in the bays.

I also discovered there were several other discomforting reasons why sthe task of killieing is cut out for only certain people. I often wondered why Mother Nature put upon this earth certain insects such as the buzz-bombing green fly. This is the nemesis a bayman must put up with as does the north woodsman with the black flies. The day I went along, they were "mean green." However, this is not the only pesty winged creature to assault the killie-trapper, for when the air becomes still and heavy with humidity, the almost invisible insects called "no-see-'ums," or "nats" arrive in swarms.

After searching out this scheme to supply bait for fluke fishermen, I acquired a sound respect for all baymen who earn a living in the bait business. They say postmen endure Nature's elements to deliver the goods, but I believe these baymen must overcome a whole lot more to supply the demand. From now on I will put down my cash, take the bait and smile as I walk away.

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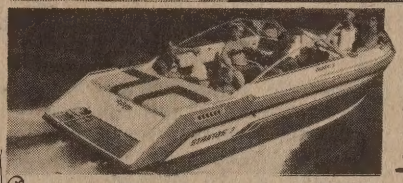

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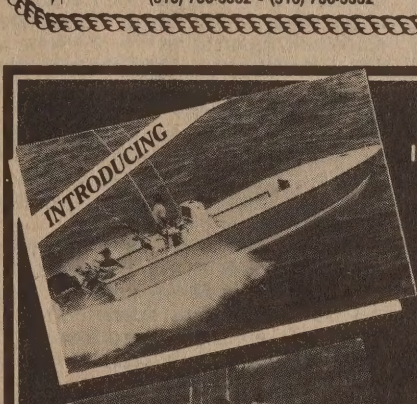

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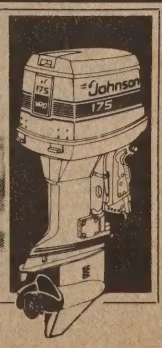

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PERIODONTICS AND SHARKS

by Ted Bingham

As the bright orange glow from the East breaks through the morning haze, the advancing light affords the first glimpse of the horrendous seas. Shortly, the endless pounding concludes as your battlewagon finally settles in the cavernous troughs and your chum begins to leach from the side of the boat. With the last bait in place, your mind begins to wander. Certainly even the fish are queasy on a day like... The deep line sings, stops, and again takes off, this time at phenomenal speed. The moment the hook is set, the lingering question of species is answered with a spectacular leap of a silver/blue torpedo. After several silhouetted leaps, and 45 minutes, the exhausting battle ends as a gaff strikes home on a 300+ mako.

Back at the dock the impending decision must be made. Mounting the entire fish is out of the question. Who has 10 feet of wall space? Since a souvenir is a must, there are only two remaining choices: a professional or homemade jaw mount.

If it's your first mako, or a true trophy fish, don't take chances; leave it to professionals such as Jeff Schneider at Fish Unlimited. If it's "just another" or you like experimenting, by all means try it yourself.

Step one is to cut the jaws from the head without damaging them. Needless to say, be certain the critter is dead before attempting this periodontal maneuver. Before making a cut, think. Using your fingers, trace the outline of the jaw structure. It's surprising how far back the hinges are located—almost to the first gill slit. After you're certain of where the jaws end, sever the head and hollow out the inside of the jaws by making a U-shaped cut on the top and bottom to remove excess meat from both the palate and mandible areas. Follow this by removing the snout and surrounding skin all the way to the front gum line. If in doubt make all cuts wide since extra meat can always be trimmed, but a sliced bone can ruin a mount. A shark has no true bones, only calcified cartilage. The only bony tissue, if any, would be limited to the base of the teeth and the dermal denticles.

With as much meat removed as possible, bag the remains and place them in a bucket of water and Clorox (50/50) until you're ready to work on them. This will reduce the odor and keep the meat soft for easy cutting.

There is no easy way to clean a set of jaws. A shark's teeth are derived from dermal denticles and as such, are structurally similar to the shark's hide. Each tooth has a root which is attached to the connective tissue of the jaw. This system allows the teeth to constantly rotate out of the gums to replace those that have been broken or damaged (thousands in a lifetime). As such, any attempt to remove that tissue with boiling water or other caustic agents will result in a jigsaw

The finished mount makes a handsome display.

puzzle of hundreds of teeth that will have to be glued in place. The main reason these methods don't work is that the areas of excess meat/skin are of different density. Therefore, the thin areas will be affected quicker and result in teeth falling out or a jaw hinge separating before other parts are clean. This leaves only one sure method: a combination of razor blades, time and work.

Start by trimming all the excess skin from around both sides of the jaw, but do not cut into the bone. Also, do not remove all that tough skin at the base of the teeth on the outside; it's part of the connective tissue. If you do, there will be nothing holding them in place and they will fall out. Now the hard part: begin cleaning the skin from between the teeth on the inside of the jaws. Since the teeth are extremely sharp it might help to wear gloves, or cover the teeth you're not working on, in order to prevent hand lacerations. Note that there are rows of replacement teeth, each covered with skin as are others, which are incubating further inside the gums. All this skin will have to be removed. If you miss any you'll find out...about three months from now when it's nice and ripe! The easiest method I have found for removing this internal dermis is to expose the entire canal where the nascent teeth are. This is accomplished by drawing the edge of a razor along the row of teeth and slicing through the cartilage. Start about 1/8 inch under the base of the exposed rear teeth and, as the canal widens to accept the larger front teeth, gradually increase the distance downward. Now loosen that 1/8 strip at the rear, grasp it, pull gently and use a razor to cut any stubborn pieces. Just like filleting a fish along the backbone. As this flap of skin is pulled most of the dermis from inside the gum will be removed. Repeat this procedure on all four inner gums.

We now turn our attention to the front top and bottom teeth. Pick the meat out from between them and remove the loose skin from around the front joints. Again, not all of it as some is needed to hold the teeth in place. Likewise, don't cut too deep into the forward joints for the same reason. On each side of the top jaw there is a knob (together they look like nostrils). This is where the front teeth are stored so it, too, will have to be opened and cleaned out. There are a few internal teeth that are not firmly rooted and as such, will fall out. This can't be helped nor is it important.

When you're satisfied that all possible meat has been removed, it's time to use a bleaching agent to whiten and remove any unseen dermis from the jaws.

There are two types of dentrifice that I have found to be useful. The first is Clorox Bleach. This is an old standby that many people use primarily because it's handy and fast acting. In fact, I find it's too fast and requires constant attention in order to avoid uneven cleaning. Instead I prefer purchasing a gallon jug of 40 percent peroxide (about $6) from a local salon. Used full strength, it requires a much longer time to accomplish its task but, in my mind, is safer, and to quote the TV ads, gives "whiter whites." Regardless of which product is used, preparation demands two buckets. The first is to bathe the jaws in and the second contains water to abruptly stop the bleaching process. Use a string to lower the jaws into the bleach. Almost immediately upon entering the solution, it begins to fizz as the cleaning action commences. Constantly check the amount of reaction that has occurred by removing the jaws and wiggling a few teeth and checking all joints. If the teeth are very loose or the joints are beginning to separate, it's time to stop the bath, or, if not thoroughly clean yet, dilute the solution and continue. Due to the density of some parts of the jaw, it might be necessary to only submerge that particular section in order to complete the cleaning. Again, constantly supervise the bath until it is complete.

When thoroughly bleached and clean, remove the jaws and soak them in water. Since the cartilage and hinges of the jaws are still wet, it's a simple matter to shape them in any form you may desire. One trick is to spread them much wider, horizontally or vertically, than they were in actual life. This will give the appearance of a much larger shark than it actually was. With the shape determined, loosely nail the jaws to a board with four nails (one for each quadrant). Place the nails near the rear hinges and toward the outer edges on the wide section of the jaws. Size of the jaws will be the determining factor as to placement, but the main reason for placing the nails in this area is to reduce the amount of curl that occurs as the jaws dry. After nailing them in place, attach a piece of string on each side of the front hinges and tie them off tight. This will prevent the front of the mouth from curling or drying in the wrong position. In short, completely stake the jaws out in the desired position. Allow them to dry in a cool, dry area such as a basement. Fast drying in direct sunlight will increase the amount of curling and result in an unsightly mount.

While waiting for them to dry, begin production of their permanent home: the plaque. Rather than purchasing one, simply measure the height and width of your trophy and, after tracing a large enough design on a piece of 1/2 inch wood, cut it out. The decision of staining the wood or covering it with a fabric such as felt is up to you.

Don't be alarmed if there's a faint odor even after a few weeks. It's natural and will fade in time.

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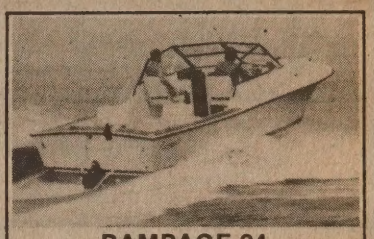

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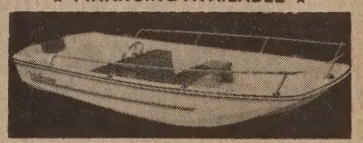

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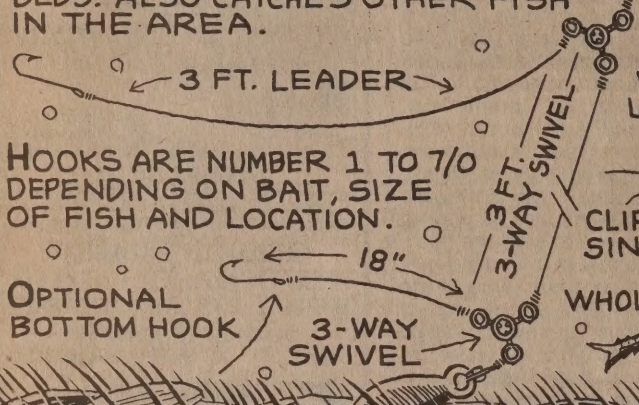

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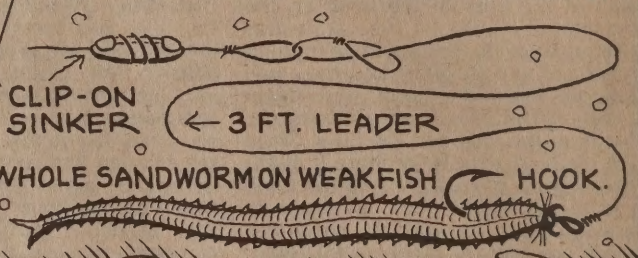

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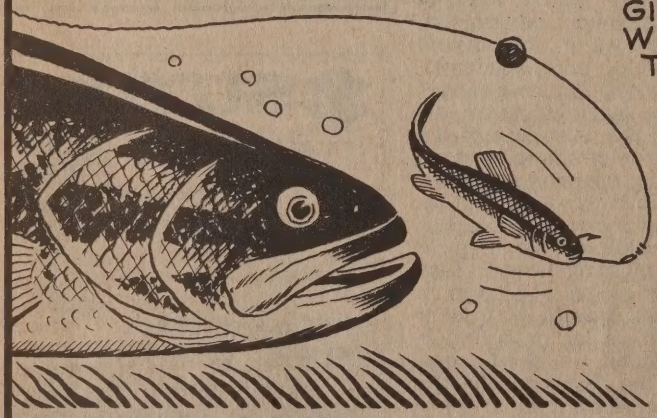

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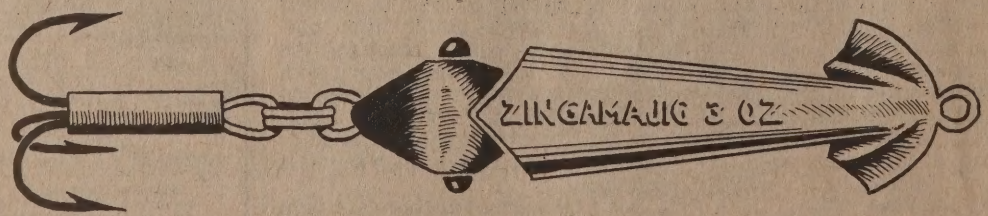

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DRY FLIES THAT WORK... AND WHY

by Jim Capossela

Year in and year out, and hatch in and hatch out, some dry flies work better than others. Why? Very often it is because a fly has developed such a good reputation that people simply fish it more than other flies.

But reputations all start somewhere and common sense tells us that there **must** be tangible reasons why some dry flies endure so long as dozens of other patterns come and go. I do have some theories concerning the criteria I think are very significant in determining a fly's long-term effectiveness. There are five patterns that have been among the best for me. Let's discuss each one and see how its specific characteristics work together in making the pattern an effective one.

Muddler Minnow: You may be surprised to see this exceptionally popular pattern listed as a dry fly, but I often fish it as one with great results. In fact, of all its attributes, as checked off on the chart, its wet-dry versatility is what most endears it to me.

When I fish a muddler, my fly is where it belongs: in the water. I generally grease it moderately and start out fishing it as a dry. If no rises are forthcoming, I may twitch it or let it work deep into some brush. If several casts fail to produce, I will give the muddler a sharp jerk and sink it. Now it plays out its more usual role as a baitfish imitation. Fishing it this way, both wet and dry on the same cast, I keep the fly almost constantly in the water. False casting, which can scare wary trout, is kept to a minimum.

What, though, gives the angler the license to double the work load of the muddler? The answer lies in the ability to simulate several different life forms. On top, it can be a grasshopper or a big stonefly. It might also be construed to be a dragonfly or just a big moth. Beneath the surface, the muddler might well represent a darter, for example, the abundant tesselated darter. If fully sunk with weight or with a high density fly line, the muddler imitates the sculpin, an important and widespread bottom-hugging baitfish.

Because of its deer hair collar and spun deer hair head, the muddler maintains high floatability. The upshot of this is that the fly can be actively worked on the surface to represent a struggling life form.

The muddler is easy to see and w when you can see a dry fly, you can work it more effectively and react better to the strike. Most importantly, because you can see it you will enjoy fishing with it and you will fish it hard.

Top, Muddler Minnow; right, Tan Beetle; bottom, Royal Trude; left, Polywing Spinner.

But what about realism? The muddler minnow shines. On top, it makes a fine hopper, even if not the most realistic one you might tie. Underwater it is at least as realistic as the majority of bucktail-streamers, especially when used to simulate a darting versus a swimming type baitfish.

As you can see, then, the muddler is a fly that does it all...at least by my own personal criteria.

Adams: This is another immensely popular dry fly, and I'm hooked like everyone else. It is not a wet and dry fly, but it does get high marks in many other categories.

I believe the Adams does a magnificent job imitating a wide range of insects. First, I do think its color scheme is a factor. Simply, it is noncommittal. The colors in the Adams are brown or dark ginger, black, white and grey. I can and have used it in a pinch when I've lacked a more precise imitation to imitate a whole range of generally darkish flies. Here, I speak of both mayflies and caddis. As a mayfly, it might be a stately Paraleptophlebia or a robust Hendrickson. I've even used an Adams very successfully during the Green Drake hatch. As a caddis, this fly has worked very well when fish were working to naturals on top and an elk hair caddis might have been a more logical choice.

I believe the Adams has not only a natural "bugginess," but also a "fluttering" look to it. This no doubt comes from the triple use of grizzly hackle: as wing, as wound hackle and as tail. That white and black grizzly just seems to suggest motion.

The Adams is not the highest floater, but if you use two good stiff hackles it will float well enough that it can be danced on the surface like a caddis or ovipositing mayfly. It is best effected by using a long rod and fishing downstream.

As far as visibility goes, the Adams is on the dark side, but the white in the grizzly picks up enough light that the fly can be seen moderately well.

Polywing Spinner: When polypropylene yarn became available to fly tyers, all trout feeing on spent imago mayflies ("spinners") hit a streak of bad luck. This is one the most efficient dry flies in my vest.

As far as floatability goes, it is tough to beat. The specific gravity of the poly, which is used for the wings, is such that it is difficult to sink. Only fish slime will really put it down, and that can be easily removed with dry fly granules.

Because most spinners have whitish hyline wings, most spinner imitations are tied with white polypropylene yarn. Between the white and the high floating properties, the Polywing

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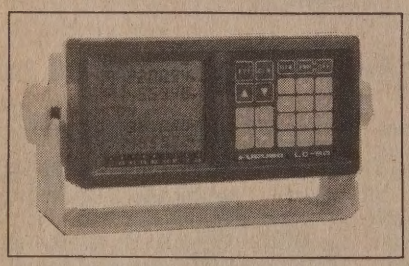
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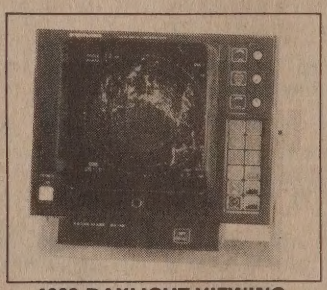
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Spinner is very visible to the angler. This is especially fortuitous for at least three reasons. First, trout establish very narrow feeding lanes when feeding on the helpless spinners, so casting must be accurate. Second, spinner falls are usually short and sometimes extremely short and that's another reason why casting must be efficient. Third, spinner falls most often occur at dusk or just before dark when high visibility is most important.

As far as being realistic, the Poly-wing Spinner is beyond reproach. The poly yarn has a shiny, translucent look that makes the fly a dead ringer for th real thing.

Tan Beetle: This is a fly that you may be unfamiliar with. I did not create it, but ever since I came upon it I have been singing its praises. It is little more than deer hair pulled over a dubbed body and tied down at head and tail. An innocuous little fly, you say? Think again, for it is a killing pattern.

Although it is primarily a dry fly, it can also be fished wet. Weight must be added to the leader and when it is sunk it can be popped up to the surface like a caddis pupa (more on that in a minute).

It does, indeed, imitate several different trout foods. With its concave back and simple configuration it, of course, does a great job of simulating a land-born beetle. This is no small statement, since there are hundreds of species of beetles and they are so light they are highly subject to being blown into the water. The Tan Beetle likely represents other terrestrials, too, such as small bees and just plain bugs.

However, the real revelation concerning this pattern came to me one day on Montana's upper Madison River. Caddis had been hatching steadily but for two days we had been wondering just what stage of the caddis the surface working trout were keying in on. Eventually, I tied on a beetle that someone back east had recently given me and the results were startling. Now, this was several years ago before there were books and much more general information on caddis flies. But in any event, we finally reasoned that the Tan Beetle represented a caddis pupa that had reached the surface but that hadn't yet emerged. The fact that it lacked the swimming legs of the pupa didn't seem to matter to the trout, but I did notice that as the fly became more frazzled, it became more effective. It could be that the dislodged deer hairs started to imitate legs as the thing got chewed up. Now, I often tie in a short partridge collar at the head.

The Tan Beetle floats like a cork—the deer hair guarantees it. In fact, the deer hair is so buoyant that I can even use my favorite dubbing: Rabbit (which absorbs a lot of water). A new tactic I've been working on lately, with the beetle and other flies, is actually swimming the fly along in the current. Usually I'm facing down-

stream and working the fly back upcurrent. The beetle swims right along and makes a little wake, and this procedure often elicits a savage strike.

The Tan Beetle is highly visible to the angler. It rides high and besides, tan deer body hair really is quite light in color. The tan beetle is also very realistic in certain cases. It has a simulative bugginess that is hard to precisely define but that is very much present. Yet especially when used to copy beetles and certain other terrestrials, the Tan Beetle presents a very lifelike image.

Royal Trude: This is a dry fly that I have been taking about and writing about ever since I had the luck to try it about six years ago. It is nothing more than a downwing version of the ever popular Royal Wulff. Far more popular out West than around here, the Trude's real charm is its versatility, but it gets high marks across the board.

Like the Muddler, the Trude can be fished both wet and dry. I will grease it lightly and cast it like an ordinary dry fly to start out. After several fruitless casts, I'll wait for it to swing directly below me and then give it a sharp twitch. It is drawn under more easily than the bulkier Muddler and now that white downwing becomes the flank of a baitfish.

The Trude can represent several different things to the trout. First and foremost, it is a caddis. Although caddis do not have white wings—most have tannish or dark greyish ones—I think the white winged Trude looks like a natural that has picked up a glance of sunlight. As I tend to fish the Trude in medium to fast water, I don't think an exact color match is necessary.

Even with the downwing, the Royal Trude could represent a mayfly. This is especially true because I dance the fly on the surface a lot. To the trout, the Royal Trude might also be a stonefly, a white moth, a jassid or any of a number of other flying insects.

With kip tail wing and tail, the Trude floats very high and can be worked vigorously even in fairly quite currents. This is most important because the real caddis that the fly primarily imitates is a very active insect. Obviously, with all that white, the fly is extremely visible to the angler. Finally, in the realm of realism, I believe the Trude is a very good match to a caddis or stonefly, but more on a bright day when a natural is likely to gleam in the sunlight.

There you have it: five of my favorite dry flies and the reasons why they might be so effective. Even if you have different theories about the reasons, try these patterns anyway. A trout at the end of your leader is all the reason you'll need.

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Bad seas and fog hampered some planned fishing trips the past week, however, those who got out, found all the blue sharks they wanted after a long ride. The first mako of the season was brought in on the **Dawn**. Inshore action is dominated by blues, mixed with bass. Full moon bassing produced many trophy bass. Porgies and fluke are moving in.

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Captain Bob Storc, fishing the June full moon on Wednesday and Thursday reported fine bass fishing on the charter boat **Caprice**. With Eric, Roy, Tim Magee and Bill Taska, a total of 16 trophy stripers were caught at Great Eastern, on live eels and trolled plugs. While several were released, those weighed at **Gone Fishing Marina** ranged from 29 to 40 lbs. The largest was sent to a taxidermist for mounting.

Franklin Karp of Stereo Warehouse and his 7 year old son, Jason fished through acres of bluefish and loads of blue shark on the charter boat **Dawn** but found a 142 lb. mako shark, one of the first to be brought into Montauk this season. Captain Greg Beacher is confident that giant tuna will be within easy reach by the end of the month, and suggests booking charters now, before all available dates are taken.

Arthur Kreiss took the $1,020 pool with a 42 lb. cod on Monday's (June 8th) Georges Bank trip on the **Viking Starship**. John Girolamo caught 73 this trip and reported the following catches: Kenny Drace 102 cod; Doc Shepard 81; Nick Busa 62; Bill Tully 90; Dennis Sullivan 59; Joe Monti 75; Pete Carey 101; Sam Beauthamp 71. Second pool, a 42 lb. cod, went to Rick Petrone. Girolamo reported fine weather for the 38 anglers who caught a total of 1,575 cod. He noted that lot of very large mackerel have entered the fishing grounds, with some bluefish. Captain Paul Forsberg has scheduled Georges Banks trips every Friday through July 3rd, with the last Monday trip June 22nd. Call now for reservations on these exciting, productive trips.

Henry Uihlein reports lots of blues, some blackfish and flounder, with the first fluke of the season brought into **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** on Sunday. **Uihlein's** is one of the official weigh stations for the special Fluke Tournament scheduled June 27th and 28th. Proceeds of this tournament will

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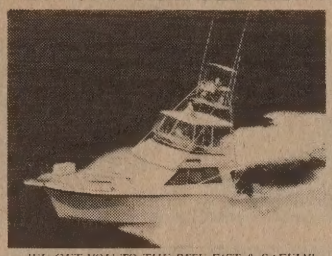

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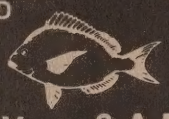
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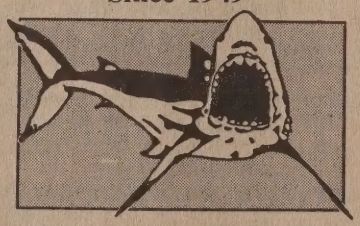
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Many fishing efforts were hampered by weather during the week, but some boats that did manage to get out found lots of action with blue sharks. Boats based at **Gone Fishing Marina** included "Hot Tuna," "C-Bandit," "Persistence," and "Hi Hook," reported fighting, tagging and releasing many. Inshore, a few porgies have showed up; blackfish remain steady, as reported by the "Barbara Ann."

Captain Bill Ricca, of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann**, reported that Saturday's heavy seas made it more prudent to fish inshore. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Clausey enjoyed a fine catch of flounder and bluefish. On Sunday, John Kuhl and his three friends were able to get offshore, where they fought, tagged and released 12 blue sharks.

Anglers on the **Pronto** enjoyed nonstop action with blue sharks on Sunday's offshore trip, with Tom Tracy of Melville and his friends releasing all but two of 15 sharks fought. While the **Pronto** is fully booked for the season, Capt. Mike Bentivegna, Jr. informs us that the **East Wind II** has a few open dates for offshore fishing. Call for details.

Captain Rob Aaronson reports plenty of shark action, when weather cooperates to allow the trip to the shark grounds. Loads of bluefish, caught at Cartwrigt were noted at **Tuma's Dock and Tackle**, with stripers numerous off the Point. Charters can easily be arranged by calling **Tuma's Charter Service.**

After an absence of 20 years, the United States Atlantic Tuna Tournament competition (USATT) returns to Montauk. Deep Sea Marina is the tournament headquarters, with fishing dates of June 30th and July 1st and 2nd.

Huge shark do roam off Long Island. On the weekend, the "Midnight Sun" a longliner (commercial boat) encountered a large mako while fishing in 1600 fathoms. The shark ate an 80 lb. swordfish (later discovered upon gutting), ran off 1½ miles of line, and took 2½ hours to subdue. We spoke to Captain Steve on Monday morning, who claimed that the fish measured approximately 14 feet long and will be cut in half to be removed from the hold of the boat. Estimated weight of the dressed fish appeared to be well over 1,000 lbs. We'll try to have more information from Offshore Sports Marina in next week's issue.

Several shark tournaments are on tap in the next few weeks. This weekend, the **Star Island Yacht Club** will sponsor the first Montauk Tourn-

ament. The 17th Annual Shark Tag Tournament, sponsored by **Montauk Marine Basin** is scheduled for the weekend of June 27th and 28th. The weekend of July 11th and 12th has been marked off for the Montauk Captains charity shark tournament, with weigh-in at **Captain's Cove Marina**. Information on entering these tournaments can be obtained by calling individual tournament headquarters. For sightseers, best time to view the sharks would be in late afternoon, as the boats return to port.

Captain Joe McBride, of the charter boat **My-Mate**, reports loads of giant bluefish at the Cartwright fishing grounds as well as offshore. On weekend charters, anglers on the **My-Mate** encountered blue sharks, top weight estimated at 125 lbs.

Both inshore and offshore areas were spotlighted at **Captain's Cove Marina**, according to Joan Smith, with catches of sea bass, blackfish and blues along with a couple of fluke (caught at Shagwong) dominating the inshore scene and blue sharks offshore. On Saturday, Tom and his friends on the charter boat **Reel Magic** enjoyed a great day bluefishing at the Point. Captain Howard was able to get offshore with the Dooling party for great blue shark action. Other charter boats, such as **Mistress Too** found the long ride offshore quite rewarding with almost instant action.

Private boats, based at the marina, such as Tony Pocchio's, reported fighting many blue shark. Those who fished inshore, reported a variety of species: a dozen blackfish at Gardiner's on Bob Bennet's "White Wave"; a good catch of blacks and sea bass on Montauk's south side on the "Get-a-Way"; some fluke, including one of 20 inches on "Against-the-Wind." Anglers on the "Venture" fished at the Point on the weekend enjoying fun with bluefish and bass, reporting a few bass over 33 inches each day. One keeper, a long skinny fish, weighed 15 lbs. on the marina scale.

Edelman's Lou Rosado, fishing with Nick Matzkiw on Sunday on the Sea Whimp found a load of codfish off Block Island, but had to feed monster bergalls in order to get through to the cod. Back at **Star Island Yacht Club**, the 16 filleted fish filled a 5 gallon bucket. Other angles returned to the **Yacht Club** with blackfish and flounder, caught at Shagwong, according to Chuck Cogswell.

SOUTH FORK

The **Wilhelric II** is fishing for fluke on Tuesdays and Wednesdays either at Horton's Point or Gardiner's Island. Porgies are on the menu the rest of the week. Ladies Days are Tuesday and Sunday. Captain Clark Bellows will run the boat from Monday to Wednesday; Captain Lach Thursday through Sunday. On a trip to Gardiners last week, 15 fluke were caught. Saturday's special trip to Horton's Point saw over 40 fluke netted, for 18 persons. One angler, Paul, returned to N.Y. City with 7 fluke, while Andy from Hampton Bays copped the pool with a 6 lb. fluke. Sunday's bad drifting conditions and loads of boat traffic accounted for a lesser catch. Tons of bait has moved into the Sound, with plenty of porgies noted.

Most anglers fishing from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** have concentrated on trolling blues, and have picked up an occasional weakfish or striper as well. Best action seems to be at South Ferry or Jessups Neck. A few porgies were caught at Cedar Point on the weekend. Tony continues to pluck away at large flounder on his Tobaccolot Bay trips, returning to Sag Harbor with a dozen or more large flatties each trip, using bloodworms. George Pharaoh heard of a few nice fluke from the Gardiners area wtih lots of blues at the Ruins.

Generally a quiet week, according to Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. However, blues and weaks at Jessups on the weekend perked things up. Diehards are finding some fluke in the Peconics. In fact, two fellows placed a 30 inch fluke on the counter which they said was caught at Cedar Point. More bass are showing up; one of 26 lbs. reportedly caught off Shelter Island. Plenty of bluefish on the weekend at the Shinnecock jetties, off Gardiner's, Plum Gut and at Sebonac Neck. Chunked bait best at the latter spot. Reports of continued flounder activity at buoy 17 in Shinnecock Bay.

Sherry reported a quiet weekend at **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks**, with all shark efforts hampered first by bad seas Saturday morning, bluefish when the seas calmed. Bluefish have been reported from the C buoy to as far out as one cares to travel.

Bob Dane spoke of slow fluking at Shinnecock Inlet on the weekend, however, Artie and Dot did put 5 keepers on their boat "Kristin." Others from **Mariner's Cove Marina** found the floundering slow, however, most flounder caught at the Basket were quite large, if off in numbers.

Helen, a regular at the Shinnecock Canal brought in a 3½ lb. fluke to weigh at **Altenkirch & Son**, along with 6 cocktail blues. She spoke of an inflex of small weakfish, most under 12 inches which must be released. Hank Altenkirch spoke of striped bass at Shinnecock Inlet which are hitting at dawn and dusk. Boatmen are connect-

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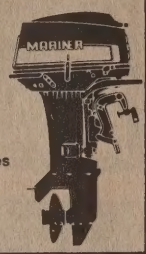

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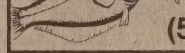

ing on bucktails and live bait. So far, bass of up to 30 lbs. have been brought into the store for weighing. Blues have become stable from the beach to the C Buoy and beyond. Offshore, the "Lily T" reported loads of tuna on a canyon trip, returning with a bluefin and a bigeye tuna, each in the 250 lb. range, releasing uncounted numbers of small yellowfins and bluefins.

Shinnecock Canal was invaded by cocktail blues on Thursday, many anglers putting anywhere from 5 to 20 small blues into their respective buckets. Quality fluke have started to move through. On Saturday, Tom Wasilewicz used **Al Feather's jigs** for 3 keepers, largest 17 inches. Phil L. and other anglers managed a cople, another guy four, using both bait and jigs. Al Siegal settled for flounder, fishing Calahans Dock and returned with 20, top weight 1¼ lbs.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

It was a disappointing weekend for the offshore crowd though the season's first shark tourney was settled by an impressive mako.

Inshore, flounder fishing continued strong in Moriches Bay but the fluke are beginning to capture some attention. Great South Bay fluking was rated as fair by most with lots of shorts but a fair number of quality size keepers mixed in. Lots of bluefish at the inlets and just outside with big blues on the shark grounds.

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MORICHES BAY & INLET

According to Gary Grunseich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, flounder fishing remained good this week with most boats returning with 50 flatties in the 1 to 2 pound class. Best spots have been north of buoy 38 and south of buoy 36. A fair showing of fluke this week with one customer on Sunday racking up a good score of flounder on the flood and then switching to fluke on the ebb. He put away 15 of the summer flatties of which 5 were keepers working between buoys 42 and 43.

Capt. Tony Rizzo of the **Moriches** based charter boat **Nino** reported a catch of 30 blues and 16 stripers, most in the 28 to 29 inch range for the Tony Nicoso party on Friday. The fish were trolled and plugged on Needlefish in and around the inlet. Tony plugged a 31 pound striper himself along the beach to the west one night

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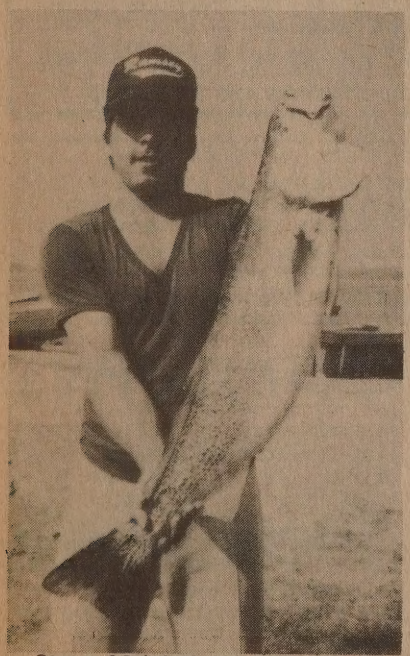

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during the week. On Sunday, while fishing the Moriches Anglers Shark Tourney, he ran to the 41 Fathom line with the Ron Garguilo party. They kept busy catching and releasing 14 blue sharks up to 120 pounds. Concerning the Moriches Anglers contest, Tony relayed word that the winning fish was landed by Nick Castoro on his "Crackers". It was a mako weighing 344 pounds. Second place was nailed down by a 340 pound blue shark. Various reports indicated that these were the only sharks that qualified for weighing since blue sharks had to be a minimum of 8 feet long. Tony added that he has a few open dates near the end of the month. See his ad for more details.

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet** spoke of another fine week with flounder with fares averaging 20 flatties per man on most days. Some blacks up to 4 pounds mixing in with the flounder. Ron has been working between buoys 29 and 34. Friday was one of the few off days in recent weeks with fares managing 6 to 12 fish apiece. Saturday was excellent however, with everyone loading up and Lady Reelers president Pat Walsh taking the pool with a 3 pounder. Sunday, good fishing was again the rule as Richie Walsh put away 38 flatties. Richie Williams had a 3 pound pool fish.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

"A couple of fluke now showing on local docks and an increase in the number of crabs as well," according to Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Some decent catches of fluke in the local bay reported from Ocean Beach during the week and on the weekend. An exceptional catch was made by trailer boating Phil Sztorc and Wayne Rodgers, who trekked to Shinnecock Bay on Saturday. The pair worked outgoing tide with squid and spearing and put 31 keeper fluke to 5 pounds into the fish box of Phil's 'Soofill'. Another trio of locals worked Moriches Bay's flounder population over on Sunday. Greg Maynard, Frank and George "The Greek" worked the West Cut with bloodworms and heavy mussel and clam chum and finished with 99 keepers. Back on Wednesday, Jerry Ingardo and John Galloway put away 25 blues while casting in Moriches Inlet.

At **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale said that Bob Johnson and Walter Fults checked in a 6 pound weakfish, a bunch of fluke and some bluefish which they took near the Coast Guard Station on Saturday. Still flounder being picked at the Sore Thumb and plenty of small blues roaming the bay and inlet. On Sunday, the private boat 'Spare Wheels' went off looking for sharks but instead returned with 10 big blues. On Saturday, the "Highway" ran 135 degrees

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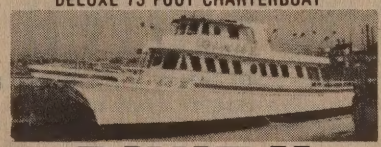

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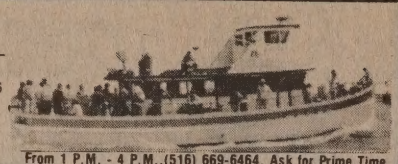

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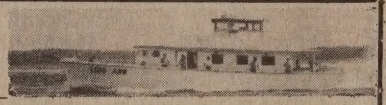

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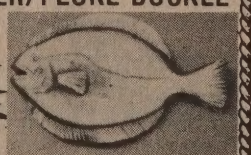

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to 190 feet of water and took 6 blue sharks but also managed a small mako in the 50 pound range.

Tom Campson's fluke trip near the Lighthouse on Saturday was rudely interrupted when a 14 pound weakfish grabbed his fluke bait. John Albanese at **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** weighed the trophy tide-runner. He reported that another customer working the Lighthouse area christened his new Grady White boat with 11 fluke from 2 to 3½ pounds. John knew of some blackfish on the Kismet Reef falling to fiddlers and green crabs. He also spoke of lots of blues in the vicinity of the Robert Moses Bridge Saturday evening. The fish ranged from 4 to 5 pounds.

From Jim Romano at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, we learned of a 4 pound fluke among the catch made on Sunday aboard the 'Sonja D'. Sonja DeAlia took the fish near the Robert Moses Bridge. Ten year old Charlie, Jr. took 2 of 10 fluke taken near the Lighthouse aboard the family boat 'Two Brats' on Sunday. Jim added that there are still a few flounder at the Sore Thumb and told of scattered weakfish reports this week. One customer weighed a 13 pound weak which was taken at the dock at Point O Woods during the week. Bluefish continue to roam in and out of the inlet where they are being trolled on wire or jigged.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** spoke of good fishing this week with the keeper to short ratio varying considerably from day to day and area to area. Some days sees it at 50:50, other days there are 5 shorts to every keeper. On Tuesday's trip, John Wise counted 10 keepers with all falling into the 2 to 4 pound range. On Wednesday, Gary Plato had 8 keepers and 11 shorts. Friday was the best day of the week with several good individual scores. Paul Ferretti was hi-hook with 14 keepers, Mario Agricole had 9, Ray Straw had 10, Bernie Broman had 10 and John Noller finished with 9, including a 4.5 pound pool fish. Neil has been working West Channel and Snake Hill Channel with spearing and killies.

At **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** Carl Miller spoke of lots of fluke but was quick to remind that the majority of them are shorts. Most of his customers have been working west of the Robert Moses Bridge with the flood tide producing the most action. On Sunday, Jack Breitenbucher had a 2¼ pound fluke on his 'Empty Pockets' as well as a host of shorts. Two to 4 pound blues are in West Channel and Dickerson Channel most evenings and early AM. They are being taken on small Atom poppers. Blues ranging from 4 to 12 pounds are at the inlet and along the beach to the east. Best scores are being made on wire and umbrellas with fire tail tubes. Some nice sea bass on the Fire Island ocean reef and some big blue sharks and big bluefish in 180 feet of water to the east of F.I. Inlet.

"Plenty of short fluke around but a decent number of 3 to 4 pounders being weighed in" according to Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle.** No weaks weighed this week but there have been some good flounder catches reported from the Jones Beach Piers. Also some flounder being picked on the Robert Moses Piers. Best bet for fluke in the shorefishing department is the Fisherman's Walk and Captree Overlook. Most however are shorts.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** labeled the fluking OK with keepers falling into the 2-4 pound range. Largest summer flounder of the week checked in at 5½ pounds. Lots of shorts providing steady action. Better anglers managing 4-5 keepers apiece this week. George has been fishing anywhere from Ocean Beach to the Inlet.

Aboard the open boat **Captree Queen**, Capt. Gordon Roman labeled the fluking as fair on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with 40 to 60 keepers on the boat each trip. Most are in the 2 pound class with an occasional 3 to 4 pounder. Gordon said that the Ocean Beach area produces less action but better quality fish while the R.M. Bridge area and State Channel are loaded with shorts. Bay blues and weaks on the evening trips have been slow with the exception of occasional shots of blues near the inlet. Highlight of Friday's trip was an 8 pound weakfish which grabbed a fluke bait near Ocean Beach.

Capt. Bob Schwartz of the **Captree** charter boat **Blue Albatross** took Saturday's morning charter to the Sore Thumb where they put away over 300 flatties. Peter Dann had a 1.11 pound pool fish. Hi-hook for the trip totaled 27 fish. Saturday afternoon's charter for a Con Ed group and headed by Tom Campson encountered very slow action in the same area. Don Reilly had a 1½ pound pool fish. On Sunday, George Steinhage led a group from Masonic Lodge. They finished with 125 flatties taken at the Thumb. Back on Wednesday, a group of students from J.F. Kennedy elementary school in East Islip had a ball landing over 200 flatties in the same area.

Speaking from **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, John Gattuso reported a catch of 40 blues from 6 to 12 pounds chummed in 60 feet of water aboard the 'Three Sons'. He called the fluking 'not bad' though lots of shorts are making up the action. Bluefish are in and around the inlet and crabs are beginning to put in an appearance at the dock. Saturday was a tough day for the offshore crowd between rough seas and fog. A number of boats ran on Sunday but no one did anything worth mentioning according to John.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported plenty of fluke in the State Channel and east of the Robert Moses Bridge but a large majority of them had been shorts. He said that on most of his trips this past week, shorts outnumbered keepers by 8 to 1.

Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** spoke of lots of fluke but also emphasized the large number of shorts being taken near the R.M. Bridge. He did know of a number of customers who had catches of 10 to 12 keepers on the weekend. Still some flounder being culled from the Sore Thumb Pocket. Bluefish are spread from the Lighthouse to the Robert Moses Tower on the outside. Best catches are being made by wire line trollers towing umbrella rigs. Lots of school bass spread through the State Channel and providing good plugging action at dusk and after dark. A quiet week offshore with Saturday too rough and foggy for most boats and Sunday producing nothing worthwhile in the way of reports. Most sharkers settled for big bluefish.

At **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** Jimmy Schaefer said that fluke are spread from the inlet to Ocean Beach and through the State Channel with lots of shorts being taken. Flounder still available at the Sore Thumb but nowhere near as consistent as it was, as the fishing seems to be fading fast. Small blues in the 2-5 pound range reported by boatmen near the Lighthouse, RM Bridge and the Inlet in recent days. Blues up to 10 pounds caught on jigs

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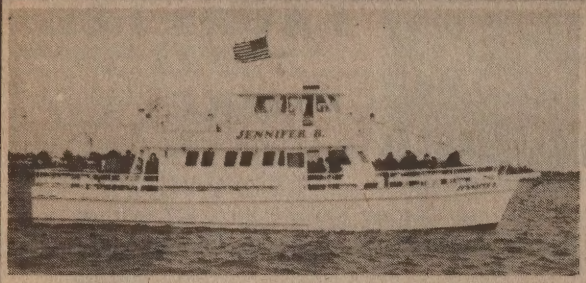

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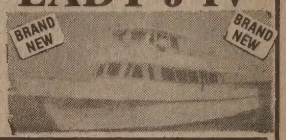

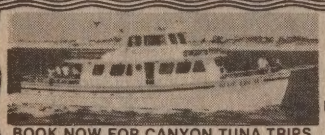

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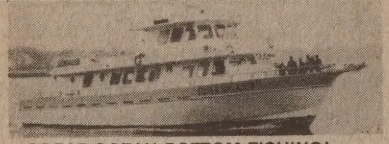

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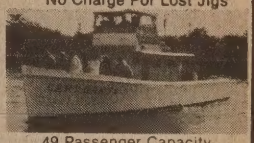

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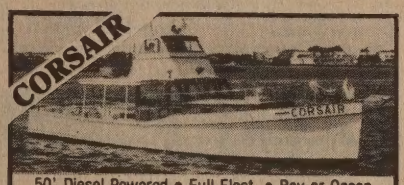

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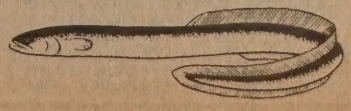
Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** weighed a 4½ pound fluke for Frank Paccuglia on Tuesday. It was taken near the Copiague Hole. On Wednesday, Chet Green had 10 keepers near Massapequa Cove. Fred Bentino nailed a 10.2 pound weak aboard his 'Makai' during the week. It was caught near Buoy 12, Ocean Beach. On Sunday, a couple of regulars, Louie and Joe landed one weak and dropped 3 in West Channel. Ed Unkel aboard his 'Tin Man II' went looking for sharks south of the inlet on Sunday. He returned instead with 51 blues from 12 to 14 pounds. Bob spoke of some crabs, fluke and an occasional small striper being caught at the Tanner Park Dock.

At **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera spoke of a 6.2 pound fluke taken by Scott Molnar on Friday. It was one of 10 keepers and 30 shorts taken by Scott and friends. Scott did his fishing in the State Channel between Gilgo and Lindenhurst Cut. Kathy and Frank Annabel and Angelo Ditori worked the vicinity of Snake Hill Channel to the tune of 23 fluke from 1¾ to 2.6 pounds. Fishing was done aboard their private boat 'Madness'. Offshore, the fishing was pretty much a bust with no one getting off on Saturday and those who sailed on Sunday reporting big bluefish rather than sharks.

A reminder from Frank that **Edelman's** Free Shark Seminar is scheduled for Wednesday night at 8PM at the American Legion Post 94 in Babylon. No Reservations Required.



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West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Waiting for the weakfish is the name of the game, but until that time comes there's plenty to keep fishermen happy and busy in our area. Flounder this week have ranged from good to super, there's plenty of fluke action with enough keepers to make it worthwhile. Bluefish are a near certainty at this point on the party boats and private boats trolling and jigging. Local offshore wrecks this week have been bountiful with sea bass, blacks, ling, some cod and of course, blues. There seem to be tons of short stripers around and this week's reports tell of several hefty keepers taken.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Skip at **Old Harbour Marina Fishing Station** in Seaford says his rentals are finding loads of fluke, with a 5 to 10 percent keeper ratio. Flounder have been a very good item all week in Zachs Bay, Massapequa Cove, Four Corners, the area between the 3rd Wantagh and the piers.

Over in Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** termed the floundering this week fair to good, particularly around the Big M on the northeast side on outgoing, boats averaging 10 to 30 mixed fish. Fluking picked up a lot, said Mike with 7 keepers out of a possible 70 fish total. This has been on sand eels. Blackfishing slowed on the weekend with the warming water, but still some small ones taken at the bridges on fiddlers. Lots of 3 to 10 lb. blues being taken throughout the bay, with fish scattered. Cocktails around the bridge on tins and the larger blues being taken in the back on live bait. Offshore blues were very strong toward the end of the week. Boats trolling umbrellas along the beaches have been doing very well also. Those chumming at and east of Cholera have been loading up on decent sized blues. Don Taylor bagged a 26 lb. 14 oz. striper on live bunker fishing the ocean off Long Beach. An unidentified customer weighed in a 49 lb. 12 oz. striper taken Saturday in the early morning hours on a plug in the State Channel.

From **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, we learn of the upswing in fluke activity off the CG Station with best catches on sand eel-squid combos. Blackfish strong at the T wreck averaging 2 to 3 pounders. Randy

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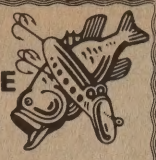

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termed the floundering good in the Big M area and he also told of blues blitzing the inlets mornings and evenings, falling to just about anything.

Over in Freeport, Captain Pat of the **Lady J Fleet** said his two boats had fluke charters all week taking fair numbers of keepers and lots of shorties. Pat told of a 10 to 40 percent keeper ratio depending on the day and that you had to work for your keepers. Daily pools were taken by 3 to 5 lb. class fish on sand eels, squid or spearing, anywhere from Freeport to the ABB. Trips this week were for: Lumber Headquarters, Bruce Dowler group, Manufacturers Hanover, Forest Park Fishing Club, C.T.I., Freeport, Bruce Rosenblum group, Larry Corth party, Paul Titko party, and LaBranche and Co.

Captain Mike Barnett of the charter boat **Cod-Father** won the recent Freeport Fishing Festival Bluefish Tournament with a 13 lb. 12 oz. blue taken by his charter, the Bill Turnbull party.

Aboard Skipper Mike Miller's **Apus III**, Mike tells of no makos yet as of Sunday in the area, but loads of big bluefish in all the usual sharking grounds. South Jersey has had makos, however, so they should be here very shortly, with water temps in the low 60s. Mike told of a sprinkling of bluefin tuna starting to show.

Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** has been getting very good mixed bags of ling, sea bass, blacks, some cod and some blues on the offshore wrecks, but he says that since the bluefish action is getting heavier every day and the fish are relatively close by, the boat is now switching to blues day and night. Please note that

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Aboard the **Bluefin Fleet** this week both flounder and fluke trips were sailed. Flounder ran to 2 plus pounds. Big fish of the week went to Ed Goodwin of Hanover Bank. Various members of the Barb Abrahams party had flatties from 3/4 to 2 lb. fishing State Channel on worm, clam and clam chum. Fluke went to 4 lbs. fished locally. Catching 4 lbers. were Bob Wimpfheimer and Herb Fischer. Bagging 2½ to 4 lbers. were Bob Schwartz, Ileen Lawson,s Brian Torsia and Joe Breccia. Best catches were on spearing and strip baits. The boat will start night bluefishing June 20th and the skipper says he has some choice bluefish dates still available.

A call from Marvelous Marv at **Sea Isle Sports** confirmed the very good continuing flounder action. Marv told of a 6 lb. fluke caught in Jones Inlet by one customer and lots of blues blitzing the Jones Inlet area anywhere from late afternoon to dark, and also from the J1 to the J2 buoys. He also claimed a lot of these fish are being caught on Marvelous Marv rigs.

From Bob at the **Freeport Boatmens Association** we hear of the **Super Spray II** having good fluking this week with the AM tides being best, plenty of fish with about a 20 percent keeper ratio, but with the keepers being big. Lots of throwbacks. Flounder have been a very good item in Merrick Bay, Swift Creek, off the CG Station and the Big M area. Ocean bottom on local wrecks and reefs have produced solid catches of blacks, sea bass and some ling. The Shamrock had great blue jigging, fish 6 to 8 lbs., 12 miles east of Sea Girt. Boats trolling from the inlet to Ambrose along the beaches have been taking 4 to 6 lb. blues.

At **Lou's Fishing Station** we're advised that no sharks have been brought in yet but the bluefishing at Cholera has been very good. Likewise, on the fluking but with plenty of babies. The flounder pounders are still making hay while wrecks, rocks and reefs are producing black and sea bass.

Please note that the following two June tournaments were omitted from Fred Gardiner's page last week. They are the Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament being held June 20th and the Charvin 12th Annual Open Shark Tournament being held June 27th.

Out of Point Lookout the **Night Hawk** told of excellent flounder fishing all week. Wednesday AM Frank Calako bagged 37 and Tom Rupp 42 to 2 lbs. 8 oz. Thursday Am Paul Scher and pal had 47 flatties between them. Friday AM saw George Gaddis with 43 flounder. There were many 2 lbers. caught throughout the week said Capt. Dennis. Best catches were on mussels with incoming best towards the week's end. The skipper said crowds are very light during the week with plenty of room to spread out, with excellent flounder catches still to be had.

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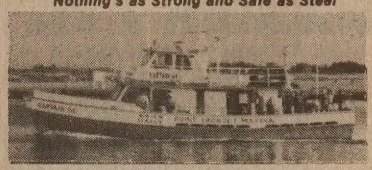

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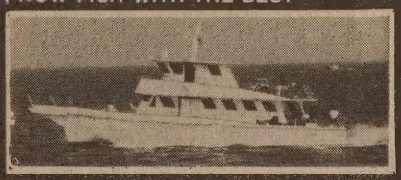

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On the charter boat **Marie III** the weekend trips had good flounder catches on worms, fish averaging 1 to 1½ lbs. from the Big M to the Big W. Saturday's trip was for the 562 Club.

The sea bass catches have been too good to leave, said skipper Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al**. The last few days of the week saw catches of mostly sea bass, with a lot going to 4 lbs., with a few cod thrown in as well. Ling are also being hoisted as are blackfish up to 8 lbs. Customers are still coming down in strength for these great bottom dwellers.

We learn from **Ed's Fishing Station** that during the week flattie action was very good off the CG Station. Ken Atkinson and Jim Cassidy of Bayside hoisted 25 flounder and 2 fluke on mussel, clam and worm. Another customer accounted for 65 flounder by himself. Fluking has picked up in Reynolds, best being at buoy 17, the inlet being slow. Lots of throwbacks,

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however, but some nice keepers, too. Blackfish still showing at the Big M and the T wreck strong on blacks, sea bass and a few fluke.

We hear from **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook of a 26 lb. striper weighed in at the shop Monday AM for Lynbrook angler Mike Stanzione, Sr. The fish took a live bunker in the area of the Magnolia Blvd. pier. Mike also had some big blues. Almost every night this past week, blues to 15 lbs. have been blitzing the Magnolia Pier area. Thursday Dennis Moynihan had four keeper fluke off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club in Reynolds on squid, sand eel combo. Saturday, Scott Davis in Reynolds bagged a 4½ lb. fluke on a bucktail tipped with squid. A 40 lb. striped bass was cught by Billy Bestafka, Jr. who bought live eels at Beckmann's and drifted them from a boat off Block Island.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway tells of some decent fluking starting with a 6 lber. taken by a customer off Riis Saturday. Tons of shorts around, said Joe. Blues have been blitzing Hewlett Bay on and off, going to 14 lbs. Flounder throughout the Jones Beach area and in back very good. No weakfish signs yet. Some blackfish on the Iberia and plenty of ling to 3 lbs. on inshore wrecks.

We learn from **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach of a lot of bluefish being taken off the Jamaica Bay bridges on chunks, fish averaging 5 to 7 lbs. with a few going to 12. Alfredo Hernandez had an 11 lb. blue on a chunk off the North Channel bridge. Lots of fluke but also lots of illegal fish hitting spearing, squid and sand eels, any moving tide. Some blacks at the Marine Parkway bridge on fiddlers and greens. Lots of small bass and a few keepers all over the bay. A 40 lb. 4 oz. striper caught by Joey Blemke and a 31 lb. 4 oz. bass taken by Vince Bedame fell to bunker chunks in the Marine Parkway bridge area at daybreak Friday.

Over in Sheepshead Bay we hear from the **Zephyr** that the fluking has opened up off the Jersey Coast on the weekend. Just in time also, as the very local fluking seemed to be getting pickier each day during the week. Butch says 90 percent of these Jersey coast fish were keepers ranging up to 6 lbs. and it looked like a nice big school in the area.

Skipper Bob Wiegand of the **Flamingo III** could only say SUPER BLUEFISHING. Diamonds did it all, with Sunday being ultra-spectacular with high hook 110 blues. Fish ran 3 to 8 lbs. Monday through Saturday's fishing was very good, with lots of sand eels in the area and the blues settling in for lunch. Bob expects some weakfish to show shortly. He says there are lots of stripers around but they're mostly illegal size. The 33 inch size limit equates to an 18 lb. striper.

It was a banner weekend aboard the **Betty W. IV** said Captain Al Coley. Customers catches were absolutely super with fish 2 to 12 lbs. on diamonds, fishing south of Farms. There were so many fish caught on Sunday he said that the boat blew the "goin' home" whistle at 11:45 AM, with fares arm-weary.

A call from the charter boat **Avatar** told of mixed bass at the jetty on the recent moon with his customers bagging a 20 lber. and two 35 lbers. on bucktails. Fluking has picked up a lot and there are plenty of 3 to 10 lb. blues smashing diamond jigs in the area.

Fluking was good this past week on Captain George's **America**. Thursday AM regular Paulie hoisted a 6 lb. 2 oz. fluke which kept his 5 other keepers company. Sunday AM Mike Murphy of Queens had a 3½ lb. fluke and 12 other keepers. This was all on sand eels and shark strip, all action at the Tin Can grounds. Please note that the boat will also be sailing for afternoon fluke Fridays and Saturdays from 5PM to 9PM. The **America II** has been having good fluking also with about a 1/3 keeper ratio.

Sal at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** confirmed lots of blues on the party boats working Klondike Sunday on either chunks or jigs. Stripers in the Breezy Point jetty area mornings and evenings on plugs and fluke starting to be picked off Riis Park and the Coney Island flats.

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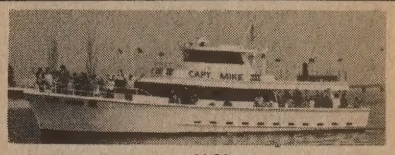

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"The blues were going bananas" when asked to describe the action in the area. Jay Daniels took an 18 lb. bass on a Rebel and 8 pound test line. Fluke were still few and far between; water conditions were good and clean locally. Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** from New Rochelle told us that fishing went from "pretty good" during the week to somewhat "picky" over the weekend. Most of the 3 to 10 lb. choppers were in the Hempstead Harbor area with a gap in the bluefishing from there to Port Jefferson. The Klondike is now sailing at 7AM.

Carl Giangrande of the **Reliable** is now carrying very well from Flushing Bay. He's mixing bags with blues as well as tautog, wiht most of his work between Hempstead Harbor, Mamarneck and Oyster Bay; Giangrande will be doing some ocean fluking and Sound fishing for scup later this month.

Jack's Bait on City Island informed us that there were some scup around Gangway Rjock and off Half Moon Beach. Paul Coslett had a huge catch of bluefish to 13 lbs., taken on jigs and bunker chunks. Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** was upbeat about the bottom fishing between Stamford and Norwalk. A half dozen to a dozen flounder over a pound was the rule for most anglers on most days. Pool fish were tautog to 7 lbs. or more and Sunday's catch included about 6 dozen keeper blackfish for a crowd of 65. A few porgies were in the catch as well.

John Cacciola at **Glen Cove Sport** liked the face of Pryble for bass, but he was still excited about the action on tautog. The best blackfish of the season, an 11¼ lber. was weighed at the shop last week.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** in Huntington Station weighed a 12½ lb. tautog taken from the middle grounds west of Cold Spring lighthouse by Irwin Hertz. Hertz was fishing with Rich Schauer. Hugh Chancey III had a 14¾ lb. blue; however, bluefish action in the Huntington area itself was a very slow pick, although there were plenty of short bass around, some keepers too. Warren Lechler had a 14.7 while Rich Schaller nailed a 24.3. Some weaks shoed on Sunday off Eaton's and the river. **Huntington Prop** saw Matt Sweeney's 37 inch bass taken on a popper. Also Paul Rosen managed a dozen blues plus a 6 lb. weak from Caumsett, while Tony Vanola and Paul Laddin had half a dozen fluke.

The **Greenlawn Sport Shop** advised that fishing for tautog was still very good along Eaton's and the Coast Guard station. Tom Bowman suggested mornings and evenings for the blues off the beaches. **Bowman's** also advised fishing from the green buoy at Sand City to the shore on outgoing water with squid-sand eels combinations for fluke.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson saw the first catches of 4 or 5 fluke per boat from White Beach. Scup fans could fill pails with small porgies east of the station, but Oldfield and Crane's were also good bets. Barbara at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in Mount Sinai saw lots of scup on Saturday in the area near buoy 11.

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** had one keeper bass reported from Wading River among the many throwbacks. The Shoreham pipe was overfished for tautog and fluking was not much locally. Fortunately, there was a ton of 2 tjo 4 lb. cocktail blues in the vicinity.

The only report of weakfish on the pad at **Edelman's** came from Nick Busa and Todd, who went looking for tiderunners off the Nissequogue on Thursday. They found a couple of large fish, but called the action "Nothing major." The **Port Jeff Ace's** Roy Cash said that the mixed bags were "decent—not super—not summer fishing yet!" Still there were a few days when high hook sharpies had over 2 dozen scup. By the weekend, half a dozen was a good score. Saturday the boat enjoyed some fair porgy fishing along with a couple of good drops for blues, one fluke and some small sea bass. The Port Jeff Ace will be starting her 4:30 bluefish trips every night. The boat returns to the dock by 10PM.

Fred Mildner of the **Hawkeye** called the bluefishing "very good" with 5 dozen per charter per day the norm.

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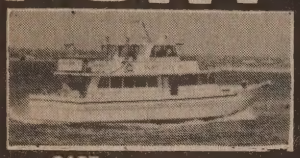

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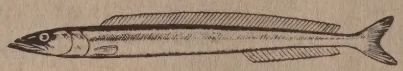

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over the wekend. Most of the action when boat traffic became intense was on single hook Ava 37s and 47s in the middle grounds area.

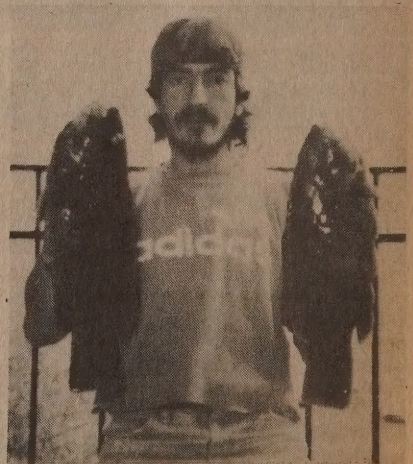
NORTH FORK

Bill Stamatis at **Warren's Tackle Center** was still seeing tautog taken from the beaches and scattered bluefish in the Peconics. Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** saw a lot of nice blues from the South Race, Buoy 26. There were porgies, just a few around Buoy 28; one weak, plus one fluke also came into the station on Saturday. **Pleasures of the Sea** in **Southold** weighed a five pound fluke from the brickyard on Thursday and advised that there were catches of weaks coming from Southold Bay on heavy head/jellyworm combos or Nordic eels. The **Sea Boots** had a decent catch of scup from the Sound west of Petty's Bight on Saturday, and there were all the blues you wanted in Plum Gut on incoming water.

Ruth White at the **AP White Bait Shop** had a couple of catches of roughly a dozen weakfish for Joe Rose and Harold Lauer. One bass of 25 pounds was taken by an angler with a squid strip. Despite the howling southwest gale on Friday, one charter managed a huge catch of blues plus a 35 pound striper.

Richie Jensen on the **Nancy Ann** found 8 to 16 weaks a day for a couple of days up in Southod Bay, but said that the jigging for blues was even faster. One night trip nailed 8 bass, three of which were keepers between 20 and 27 pounds. The fish were taken on bucktails.

John Rainis was back in action with the **Sea Star** from Stirling Harbor, Greenport, on Sunday (his daily sailings are at 7AM). Rainis had good action on blues in the Gut but found fluking at Gardiners to be poor. He expects to be mixing flounder and tau-



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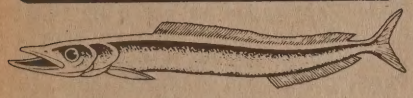

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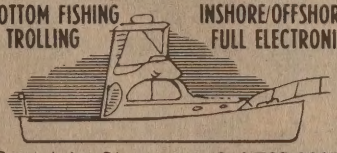

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tog in the coming weeks until Gardiners fluke action picks up.

The pickup in porgy action for the **Brand X** and **Peconic Star** was most welcome according to Larry Porter. The action was mostly on the Sound for mixed sizes in 20 to 60 feet of water. The mixed bag includes tautog, and flounder as well.

The action on the Sound around Mattituck was erratic over the weekend, but Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** figured that "a good week was shaping up". A dozen jumbo scup came from 25 feet of water in one catch east of the inlet and some skiffs had catches of roughly a half dozen fluke as well. Two skippers called to deatil the action near Horton's Point. Bob Ceglowski called Thursday "outrageous" but considered the weekend only "fair" in heavy boat traffic. Early in the week, one catch of 40 fish for the **Captain Bob** was predominantly made up of 4 to 6 pound summer flounder. Ceglowski figures that on days when fluke are hard to come by, the tautog action on fish to 8 pounds is still very good.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** produced a couple of dozen nice fluke for a group of fifteen on Saturday, but found almost four dozen flatties for 35 fares on Sunday. Three dozen were in the 4 to 6 pound class, and were taken beyond the weekend mob at Horton's. The big boat will be fluking from now on. Pool winners were Roland Hingle on Saturday and Sal Attanasio on Sunday. Both sharpies had fish over 6 pounds.

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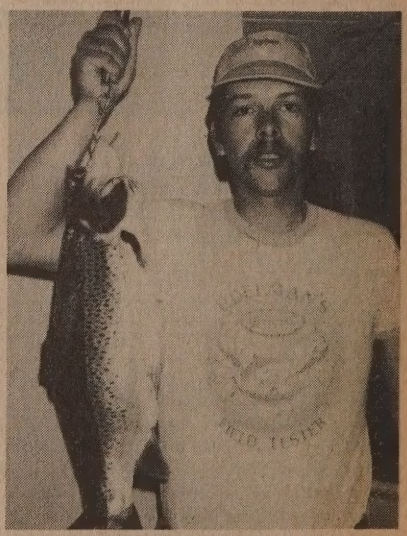
Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

It was a lackluster week on the surf scene as indicated by the reports. They were tough to come by but I suspect more went on than what I was able to dig up during Monday morning's rounds of phone calls.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch reported things remained relatively quiet for a second consecutive week. There was a shot of bluefish from 3 to 5 pounds along Shagwong on Friday evening. Some school bass and blues produced on and off action from Jones Reef to Turtle Cove during the week.

From Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, we learn that a few more quality stripers succumbed to plugs on the east side of Shinnecock Inlet this past week. No specifics available, however. Paul did look over a catch of 6 weakfish imported from the north shore near Stony Brook by a trio of Patchogue Fishing Club members. Ozzie Van Helmond, Ed "The Red" and Dave Ebner took the fish which weighed from 9 to 11 pounds on Friday night. Paul added that one customer reported taking some school bass at West Meadow Beach on the north shore. There was also talk of some 3 to 5 pound bluefish taken on the west side of Moriches Inlet when it was accessible during the week. Access on the west side of the inlet fluctuates according to the condition of the beach. Accord-



Bill Murphy shows a 7½ lb. brown he landed during a recent trip to Lake Ontario. Bill and his wife Cheryl fished with Fantasy Charters and had seven other browns from 4 to 5 lbs.

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ing to reliable sources, it is currently closed. Paul also relayed word from one customer that there have been good numbers of school bass at Shagwong at Montauk. The anonymous angler has been doing well with the fish between sunset and sunrise.

According to Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, a few weaks showed on the beaches bordering Smithtown Bay in recent nights. Plenty of bluefish along these same beaches at daybreak.

Jim Romano at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** knew that baitfishermen continue to pick away at good sized blues at Democrat and Cedar. On Saturday, Ken Gavin checked in with several blues to 8 pounds taken on bunker chunks at Democrat.

From Tom Healy at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** came confirmation of a continued pick of big blues on the Cedar Bar on bait. Speaking from first hand information, Tom reported good action early in the week but added that it had diminished considerably later in the week.

Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** said that bunker and mackerel chunks continue to take big blues at Cedar and West End II, Jones Beach. Jimmy also reported putting a 31 pound striper on the scale for Phil Lian on Sunday morning. The angler told of dropping a bigger fish estimated in the 40 pound class. He used bunker chunks at Robert Moses.

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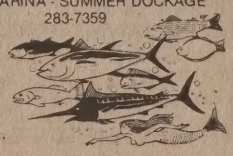

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Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Freshwater catches remained steady throughout the week with anglers reporting plenty of action on bass, sunfish and carp. As the fishing begins to round into summer form, however, action with pickerel and trout fishing on local lakes and ponds seems to be slacking off. Trouting inside the parks and in the tidal creeks, however, remains steady. With continued warm temperatures in the forecast, its likely that the weeds will push to the top real soon at most of the better bass lakes. Thus, a switch from floating plugs to weedless lures such as plastic worms or pig n jigs may soon be in order.

From **Beckman's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, Charlie Beckman reports anglers still taking plenty of fish at Smith's Pond and Hempstead Lake. So far, the hot weather hasn't affected the fishing at all and anglers are scoring well with boat bait and lures.

Down the road at **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, Bobby Turturello spoke of measuring a 26" pickerel estimated at close to 4 pounds for a lucky angler that had worked one of the Wantagh Lakes. Fishing in the Wantagh area has slowed a little from the torrid action of the last few weeks, but more quality fish are being taken now. Live killies or nightcrawler baits have accounted for the best action with bass, pickerel and panfish.

From his post at **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Centereach**, Todd told us that he nailed a 4 pound largemouth bass in Blydenburgh Park last Wednesday. Todd was working from the shore and tossing a Mr. Twister Frog when the hawg struck. A few reports have filtered in regarding some good innings with small bass on Southaven Lake over the weekend.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani informs us that anglers are taking a few nice pickerel at Southard's Pond. A 23" specimen taken on a live killie was measured at the shop one weeknight. Over at the ponds along Rt. 231 in Babylon, the carp are really responding to bread or corn baits. Most of these fish are in the 8 to 10 pound range with a few smaller and an occasional bruiser tossed in to keep fishermen on their toes. Mike also mentioned that a few trout in the 16-17" range were caught at Bubbles Falls early in the week.

From Jim Romano at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle, East Islip**, we learned that Tony Sopko fished Brookwood Hall Lake to the tune of eight bass and several panfish last Thursday. Tony

dunked worms to take his fish. Paul Rippenger also stopped by the shop during the week to check in two rainbow trout in the 2 pound class. Paul enticed his fish with a lure of his own design called a Rabbit's Foot.

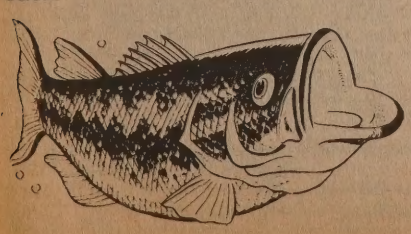
At **Pine Grove Outfitters**, Richie informs us that anglers stopping by the shop this week reported doing quite well with largemouth bass. Over on Gibbs Pond, "Weed Walkers" have accounted for a lot of bass ranging from shorts to fish of 3 pounds. On Lake Ronkonkoma, nine-year-old Mike Milano tossed a "Turbo Buz" to connect with a 4.5 pound largemouth bass. Richie himself sampled the fishing on Lake Ronkonkoma one evening. Working the west side of the lake from shore with spinnerbaits and 6" Rapalas, he collected several fish from 10" to 4 pounds. Rich asked me to inform our readers that the bass on the big lake are now spawning and it would be a good idea to leave any of the fish you might find on the beds alone until after they have had a chance to finish the spawning process.

Over at **J & R Sports Center, Oakdale**, Phill Briggs informs us that Dan Ingrassia weighed in a 2.6 pound rainbow trout taken on Rattlesnake Creek near Dowling College. Bass fishing has slowed a little in local lakes as the weeds are beginning to push to the surface. A big surprise this week was a report of a 13 inch rainbow trout taken in Patchogue Lake.

At **J & J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, John informs us that bass fishing in Patchogue Lake is still holding up well. Terry Bobon and Gilbert Cruze caught several on jellyworms this week. Also, the trio of Ron Vernillo, Chris Sudnik and Brian Cosgrove, accounted for a mixture of bass, trout and catfish taken from various Patchogue Lakes over the weekend.

Out east at the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin spoke of great action with small to medium sized bass on the Peconic River. Largest fish weighed in this week was a 4.4 pound bass taken from Forge Pond last Saturday by Tom Carney of Holtsville. Tom used a jellyworm to fool this bruiser. Mrs. Devlin noted that jellyworms have been the hot item of late with motor oil and natural colors getting the most play.

A call from George Rose revealed that there are a good number of large bass ready to feed if you know how to find them. Last Saturday, George worked and east end lake to the tune of 6 bass weighing over 4 pounds each.



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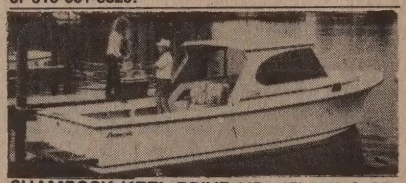

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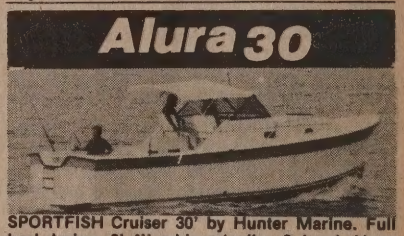

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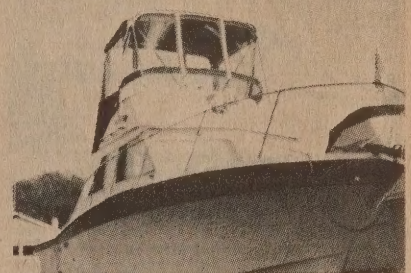

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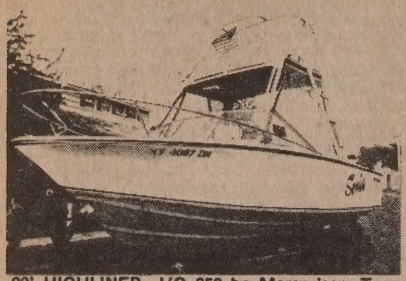

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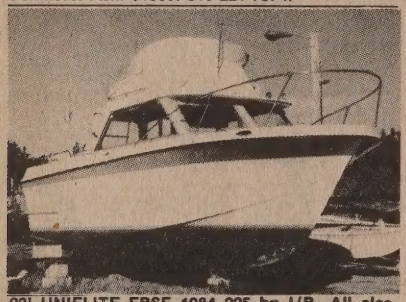

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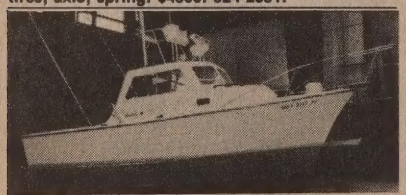

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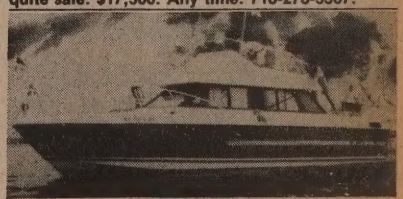

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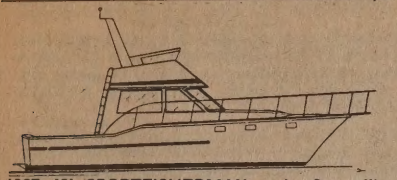

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THURS.	1:50	2:30	2:40	3:25	2:35	3:15	3:35	4:15	6:05	6:40	5:25	6:00	1:50	2:25	6/18
FRI.	2:50	3:30	3:40	4:25	3:30	4:05	4:40	5:15	7:10	7:40	6:30	7:00	2:45	3:20	6/19
SAT.	3:45	4:25	4:40	5:25	4:25	5:05	5:45	6:15	8:10	8:35	7:30	7:55	3:45	4:15	6/20
SUN.	4:50	5:20	5:40	6:15	5:25	6:00	6:45	7:05	9:10	9:25	8:30	8:50	4:40	5:05	6/21
MON.	5:40	6:10	6:35	7:05	6:20	6:50	7:40	7:50	10:00	10:15	9:25	9:40	5:30	6:00	6/22
TUES.	6:35	6:55	7:30	7:50	7:15	7:35	8:25	8:30	10:50	11:00	10:15	10:25	6:20	6:45	6/23
WED.	7:20	7:35	8:15	8:30	8:00	8:15	9:05	9:10	11:35	11:45	11:00	11:05	7:05	7:30	6/24
THURS.	8:00	8:15	8:55	9:10	8:45	8:55	9:45	9:50	—	12:15	11:40	11:45	7:50	8:10	6/25

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STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
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Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
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Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
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Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/18	5:24	8:38
FRI. 6/19	5:24	8:38
SAT. 6/20	5:24	8:39
SUN. 6/21	5:24	8:39
MON. 6/22	5:24	8:39
TUE. 6/23	5:24	8:39
WED. 6/24	5:25	8:40

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/18	1:00AM	1:05PM
FRI. 6/19	1:25AM	2:15PM
SAT. 6/20	1:45AM	3:20PM
SUN. 6/21	2:10AM	4:30PM
MON. 6/22	2:35AM	5:35PM
TUE. 6/23	3:05AM	6:40PM
WED. 6/24	3:40AM	7:40PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
6/25	7/4	7/11	6/18

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	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	—	5:55	12:05	6:20
Fri.	12:35	6:35	12:45	7:00
Sat.	1:15	7:15	1:25	7:40
Sun.	1:55	7:55	2:05	8:20
Mon.	2:35	8:40	2:50	9:05
Tues.	3:20	9:25	3:35	9:50
Wed.	4:05	10:10	4:20	10:35
Thurs.	4:50	11:00	5:10	11:25

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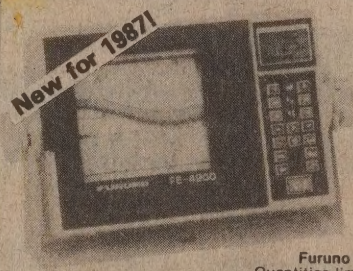

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